

ATTACHMENT A

Early Childhood Iowa – Quality Improvement Allowable and Non-Allowable Expenditures

Special Considerations: The ECI Director will review special situations (e.g., emergency declarations, fires, etc.) and consult with ECI HHS TA Team to ensure that funds are allowable.

Allowable Expenditures for Community-Based Programs, Family Support Initiatives, and Early Learning Providers **(may not exceed \$5,000)**

<p align="center">Community-Based Programs</p> <p align="center">(Shared infrastructure, safety, compliance, and resources that benefit multiple providers or the wider community)</p>	<p align="center">Family Support Initiatives</p> <p align="center">(Supports families directly in caring for children safely at home or in family-based programs)</p> <p align="center">*Home Visitation provider MUST provide education</p>	<p align="center">Early Learning Providers</p> <p align="center">(Classroom furniture, curriculum, and direct child learning environment)</p> <p align="center">*Recommend consulting with CCNC</p>
<p>Health & Safety Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoke detectors • Carbon monoxide detectors • Fire extinguishers • Exit signs • Emergency lighting • Fencing • Secondary exits • Radon test kit/mitigation • Lead paint removal/abatement • Security system • Walkie-talkies 	<p>Home Safety Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety gates* • Child safety locks* • Outlet covers/plugs* • Cord covers* • Safety barriers for stairs/doors* • Railings* • Barriers around heating* stoves/elements • Medication lock box* • Fire extinguishers* • Smoke detectors* 	<p>Classroom:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelving • Totes/baskets • Child-sized tables/chairs • Cribs (Meet ASTM) * • Cots • Mats • Tight-fitting sheets • High chairs • Strollers * • Changing stations * • Steps by sinks

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Marshall requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon monoxide detectors* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible storage • Curtains/cordless blinds • Smoke detectors • Carbon monoxide detectors • Fire extinguishers • Exit signs • Emergency lighting • Fencing • Secondary exits • Radon test kit/mitigation • Lead paint removal/abatement • Security system • Walkie-talkies • Fire Marshall requirements • First aid kits • Emergency lighting • Emergency preparedness kits
<p>Emergency Preparedness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aid kits • Emergency lighting • Emergency preparedness kits 	<p>Child Health Supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thermometer • Sleep sacks * • Toothbrush storage • Helmets for riding toys 	<p>Play & Curriculum Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art and expressive materials • Block center materials • Cozy materials (washable) • Dramatic play materials • Language and book materials • Manipulative materials • Music and dance materials • Nature and science materials • Sensory materials • Math and number materials • Active physical play materials • Diversity materials

<p>Outdoor play area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural playscapes • Playground equipment • Fall surfacing • Sunshades • Tree removal/cleanup 	<p>Parent Communication Tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry erase/cork board • iPad for parent communication • Evidence-based curriculum materials • Evidence-based screening materials* • Evidence-based assessment materials* 	<p>Evidence-Based Tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum • Screening • Assessment materials
<p>Appliances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen hood • Stove • Oven • Refrigerator • Dishwasher • Washer/dryer • Furnace • Air conditioner • Water heater 	<p>Professional Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition • Books • Training costs • CPR/First Aid 	<p>Outdoor Play Area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riding toys • Sunshades • Gross motor equipment • Weather-resistant outdoor materials • Tree removal/cleanup • Playground equipment (MUST consult with CCNC) • Fall surfacing (MUST consult with CCNC)
<p>Office Equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desk 		<p>Classroom Technology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bluetooth speaker

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair • Filing cabinet • Shelving • Computer • Printer/scanner/copier • Router • laminator 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive whiteboards/smart boards • Projectors • Secure charging stations
<p>ADA Adaptations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramps • Handrails • Widened doorways • Accessibility modifications 		<p>Parent communication Tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bulletin boards • iPads for communication
		<p>Professional Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPR/First Aid
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Non-Allowable Expenditures for Community-Based Programs, Family Support Initiatives, and Early Learning Providers

Ongoing Operating Expenses Including but not limited to:

- Insurance
- Utilities
- Telephone fees
- Staff salaries
- HHS Licensing fees

Consumable Items:

- Food
- Beverages
- Cleaning Supplies
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Non-essential Kitchen Appliances:

- Toaster oven
- Blender
- Slow cooker
- Bottle warmer
- Air fryer
- Coffee Machine

Professional Development:

- Tuition
- Books
- Travel expenses

Items Not Recommended Due to Health, Safety, or Developmental Reasons:

- Carpeting
- Infant swings
- Walkers
- Trampolines
- Swimming/wading pools
- Battery-operated toys

Miscellaneous:

- Purchasing of Property or Land
- Landscaping for Visual Appeal
- Contractor fees to complete any minor renovations

Office Equipment/Electronics not related to Administrative/Record Keeping

- Televisions
- Gaming systems
- Ongoing subscription expenses for software
- Smart cutting machines, e.g. "Cricket"

Construction or Major Renovations of a Building Major renovation means:

- (1) Structural changes to the foundation, roof, floor, exterior, or load-bearing walls of a facility, or the extension of a facility to increase its floor area;
or

- (2) Extensive alteration of a facility, such as to significantly change its function and purpose, even if such renovation does not include any structural change
 - Bathtubs & Showers