



## **Emergency Capital Grant Program For Early Care and Education (ECE) and Out-of-School Time (OST) Programs Beginning July 1, 2009**

The Children's Investment Fund announces a new grant program to address facility emergencies to help your program survive in this challenging economic environment.

### **Funding Priorities:**

#### Priority One

- Building emergencies (e.g. roof leak, loss of heat)
- Repairs or renovations to meet licensing regulations or address health or safety concerns.

#### Priority Two

- Program consolidation to help keep your program financially viable (e.g. combining classrooms or closing an under-enrolled site).
- Energy efficient renovations to reduce operating costs and improve the health of children and adults in the program.
- Facility improvements to meet accreditation standards.

**Details:** As of July 1, 2009 we will post more information on the Fund's website ([www.cccif.org](http://www.cccif.org)) on how to apply. Applications will be reviewed on a continual basis. We expect that grants will range from \$5,000-\$50,000.

**Eligibility:** Your program must meet **all** the following criteria:

- Be a non-profit organization located in Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Fall River, Fitchburg, Holyoke, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, New Bedford, Springfield, or Worcester;
- Operate a licensed, center-based ECE program or a licensed OST program in a community setting;
- Serve a minimum of 50% low-income children, as defined by the Department of Early Education and Care income eligibility guidelines;
- Offer care on a full-day, full-year basis (ECE programs), **or** provide services during the school year or year-round (OST programs);
- Demonstrate that your organization has the financial and organizational resources to continue to serve children and families.

**Please note** that Children's Investment Fund grants cannot be used for public schools or other municipal sites.

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