

ACCESS Expansion Cohort Overview

Overview:

- **Application Process:** Applications for this program took place in 2023 and are currently closed.
- **Planning Supports and Guided Planning Phase:** Providers are matched with consultants to receive one-on-one organizational planning supports, as well as up to \$17,500 to cover predevelopment expenses (architect fees, permits, etc.) to ensure a successful and high-quality expansion project.
- **Capital Phase:** Based on successful completion of the planning phase, providers will be eligible to receive capital grant awards of up to \$400,000, based on project needs. Expansion projects will be completed on a rolling basis through December 31, 2025.

Eligibility:

- Licensed STAR 1 and 2 Child Care Centers in Philadelphia
- Small business/nonprofits
- Involved in current quality improvement initiatives
- In good standing with DHS
- Open in community for 5+ years
- Demonstrated strong community backing
- Project site identification and ownership or ability to lease through 12/31/33
- On-site or new site expansions
- Expansion site in CC Map persistent high-need neighborhood
- Never received Child Care Facility Fund
- No business taxes owed or tax liens on property (if owned)
- Strong business case for expansion - favorable enrollment and staffing plan

Priority consideration given to sites expanding to serve their current neighborhood, with a projected licensed capacity of 65+ at their site, and to projects on a shorter timeline.