



## Rising Futures Expansion Fund – Atlanta

### Overview

The Rising Futures Expansion Fund (RFEF) is an innovative grant program designed by Reinvestment Fund to support early childhood education (ECE) providers across Metro Atlanta. Building on the success of our decade-long [Fund for Quality](#) initiative in Philadelphia, RFEF aims to expand access to high-quality child care by supporting thoughtful, sustainable facility growth. Through RFEF, eligible providers may apply for planning grants to support organizational planning and project predevelopment activities that lay the groundwork for successful expansion. Providers who successfully complete the planning phase will be eligible to apply for a capital grant to help cover a portion of their expansion costs.

### Program Features

- **Planning and Capital Grants**  
Eligible providers may apply for planning grants to support organizational business planning and predevelopment activities. Upon successful completion of the Planning Phase, providers may apply for a larger capital grant to help offset expansion project costs.
- **Expert Organizational and Business Planning Support**  
Reinvestment Fund has partner with [Quality Care for Children](#) and will leverage their deep experience and partnerships in the ECE field. Each grantee will be paired with an expert business consultant. Consultants will provide hands-on guidance throughout the Planning Phase at no cost to the provider.
- **High-Quality Child Care Resources and Tools**  
Grantees will receive access to a suite of high-quality child care resources, including design guides, staffing best practices, marketing strategies, and child care business management tools. These resources are designed to support both successful project completion and long-term business stability.

### Eligibility

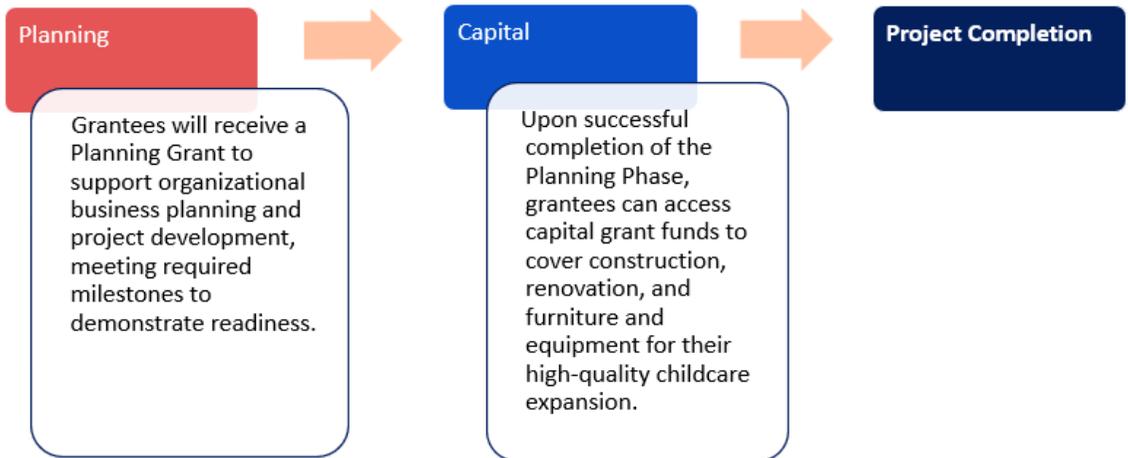
To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a licensed child care provider seeking to expand licensed capacity.
- For-profit or non-profit childcare organizations.
- Expansion project must be a child care center located in eligible Metro Atlanta communities. \*

- Applicant must own or rent the location of the expansion project. Applicants must have **site control** (a Letter of Intent to lease for 10+ years or a Deed or Agreement of Sale for the proposed expansion site.)
- Minimum of twenty new seats created.
- Projects must be able to be completed within 12 months.
- Maintain a Quality Rated score of 2 or higher.
- Demonstrate a commitment to quality improvement, high-quality facility design, and a clear plan for use of funds.

\* Email [lawrence.smith@reinvestment.com](mailto:lawrence.smith@reinvestment.com) with the address of your expansion project to understand if you are eligible to apply.

**Awards:**



Grantees will receive a Planning Phase grant up to \$12,500 to be used towards architect plans, zoning, permits, environmental assessments, and other pre-development needs.

Upon successful completion of the Planning Phase, grantees will be accepted into the Capital Phase and eligible for a capital grant of up to \$285,000 to be used towards construction, furniture, equipment and classroom materials.

**Apply Today:**

If you believe your program is eligible for this opportunity, please complete a Letter of Intent today! Visit [Rising Futures Expansion Fund-Atlanta](#) for more information and the link to submit your letter of intent. If you have any questions or need support, please contact us at [lawrence.smith@reivnestment.com](mailto:lawrence.smith@reivnestment.com)