

Child Care Support Program – List of Projects Approved for Funding 2021/22

Child Care Capital Grants – Energy Improvements

These projects support the energy conservation and efficiency of child care centres to enhance their quality, retention and sustainability.

Community	Organization	Description	# Improved Spaces	Amount
Castlegar	Blueberry Creek Early Learning Centre	Install energy recovery ventilation (ERV), heat pump hot water heater, high-efficiency furnaces, LED lighting, occupancy sensors and a solar photovoltaic (PV) array.	60	\$98,840
Castlegar	Kootenay Family Place – Hobbit Hill Children's Centre	Replace windows, install LED lighting, a high-efficiency furnace and occupancy sensors.	20	\$18,860
Castlegar	USSC Children's Orchard Preschool	Install LED lighting and a high-efficiency heating, ventilation and cooling (HVAC) system.	15	\$16,960
Cranbrook	Summit Community Services – Little Summit Daycare	Replace doors and windows, install ERV, LED lighting, occupancy sensors, and a solar PV array.	32	\$52,850
Creston	Kootenai Community Centre Society – Teddy Bear Daycare	Upgrade attic insulation, replace windows, install LED lighting, heat pump and occupancy sensors.	25	\$19,780
Nelson	Nelson Waldorf School Childcare Centre	Install a heat pump hot water heater.	24	\$2,400
Trail	Sunningdale Children's Centre	Replace window, install a heat pump hot water heater, LED lighting and occupancy sensors.	137	\$52,705
Trail	Trail and District Daycare Society – Sunshine Children's Centre	Install an ERV, high-efficiency furnace, LED lighting, occupancy sensors and a solar PV array.	26	\$35,320
Winlaw	Appledale Daycare Society	Upgrade attic insulation, replace door, install LED lighting, heat pump and install a solar PV array.	8	\$31,480
			347	\$329,195

Child Care Capital Grants – News Spaces

These projects support the creation of new licensed child care spaces within the Columbia Basin.

Community	Organization	# New Spaces	Amount
Elkford	Alpine Childcare Solutions	48	\$20,000
Elkford	Elkford Child Development Society	30	\$20,000
Fernie	Bright Beginnings: A Community Preschool	9	\$11,875
Fruitvale	Village of Fruitvale	37	\$250,000
Proctor	Seonaid (Erin) Christopherson	2	\$1,000
Revelstoke	Caribou Kids Ltd.	8	\$3,165
Wilmer	Columbia River Valley Rural Roots Society	9	\$5,000
		143	\$311,040

Early Childhood Educators Support

These programs help address the shortage of Early Childhood Educators (ECE) by supporting the recruitment and retention of ECEs in the Basin by providing training and wage subsidies for licensed child care facilities; both are administered by the College of the Rockies.

Community	Project Name	Description	Amount
Basin-Wide	Early Childhood Educator Training Wage Program	Provides a training wage to 50 ECE Assistants and certified ECEs to date, employed by licensed child care facilities in the Basin, to support them to complete and/or upgrade their ECE qualifications.	\$601,330
Basin-Wide	Early Childhood Educator Wage Subsidy Program	Provides a wage subsidy to support the recruitment and retention of 234 ECEs employed by licensed child care facilities in the region.	\$1,125,010
			\$1,726,340

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