



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 \$4,999)**

<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



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Diversity materials
Outdoor play area: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Natural playscapesPlayground equipmentFall surfacingSunshadesTree removal/cleanup	Parent Communication Tools: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dry erase/cork boardiPad for parent communicationEvidence-based curriculum materialsEvidence-based screening materials*Evidence-based assessment materials*	Evidence-Based Tools: <ul style="list-style-type: none">CurriculumScreeningAssessment materials
Appliances: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kitchen hoodStoveOvenRefrigeratorDishwasherWasher/dryerFurnaceAir conditionerWater heater	Professional Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">TuitionBooksTraining costsCPR/First Aid	Outdoor Play Area: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Riding toysSunshadesGross motor equipmentWeather-resistant outdoor materialsTree removal/cleanupPlayground equipment (MUST consult with CCNC)Fall surfacing (MUST consult with CCNC)



Office Equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Desk• Chair• Filing cabinet• Shelving• Computer• Printer/scanner/copier• Router• laminator		Classroom Technology: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bluetooth speaker• Interactive whiteboards/smart boards• Projectors• Secure charging stations
ADA Adaptations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ramps• Handrails• Widened doorways• Accessibility modifications		Parent communication Tools: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• bulletin boards• iPads for communication
		Professional Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CPR/First Aid
		Appliances: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kitchen hood• Stove• Oven• Refrigerator• Dishwasher• Washer/dryer• Furnace• Air conditioner• Water heater
		Office Equipment:



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		<p>ADA Adaptations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramps • Handrails • Widened doorways • Accessibility modifications

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