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BECKER COUNTY PROVIDES ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR NEW CHILDCARE PROVIDERS AND FOR EXISTING CHILDCARE PROVIDERS IN BECKER COUNTY

November 3, 2021-The Becker County Board of Commissioners has created two grant opportunities for Becker County Childcare Providers:

- 1) The Family Child Care Startup Grant has a pool of \$100,000 that is available for new licensed childcare providers in Becker County. Providers can apply for up to \$10,000 to help offset some of the costs incurred in starting a childcare business.

Applicants must reside in Becker County and be in the process of becoming licensed or be a licensed provider with less than 6 months of operation. See application for program eligibility and details. Importantly navigational assistance is being provided for those who seek to become new childcare providers. Questions related to the Family Childcare Startup Grant program/application and/or for help with navigational assistance are directed to contact Tammy Anderson by phone at 218-205-7176 or via email at Acorns2oakconsulting@gmail.com.

- 2) The Childcare Provider Emergency Assistance Grant is for existing licensed providers who can apply for assistance for costs incurred due to business interruption from COVID-19 related restrictions and closure. The Emergency Assistance Grant has \$85,000 available in 2021 and \$85,000 in 2022. Funds are calculated on a per child basis.

The following license types qualify for this grant: Certified Childcare Centers, Childcare Centers, Family/Group Family Childcare/Daycare Providers (Includes After School/Summer Programs).

Providers must be actively caring for children as of October 1, 2021 and care for children other than their own. Grants will be awarded once the applicable

application (Childcare Provider Emergency Assistance Grant) has been filled out and submitted. See the application for grant guidelines and required documents that will need to accompany its submittal.

In signing the application, providers will be certifying that their business has been financially impacted by Executive Orders, and that grant funds will be used to cover costs incurred during COVID-19. A grant application will be available for download for 2021 until further notice; however, applications received after 11:59 p.m. on December 15th will not be considered. The application is located on the Becker County website www.co.becker.mn.us.

Questions for the Childcare Provider Emergency Assistance Grant should contact Shannon Jemelka, Becker County Human Services by telephone at 218-847-5628 and or via email at shannon.jemelka@co.becker.mn.us.

Note: Applications for either grant program that you are applying for should be filled out and signed and include required documents as part of your complete application package and mailed to:

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