

Subject Funding for child care improvement grants

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Summary

The 2021 Legislature directed the Department of Human Services (DHS) to allocate \$22.5 million of federal money for child care infrastructure grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 119B.25, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (7). DHS contracted with First Children's Finance (FCF) to administer the grants, which were called child care facility revitalization grants. FCF awarded the grants to child care providers for facility improvements, minor renovations, and related equipment and services, including assistance to meet licensing requirements. As of December 2023, FCF has awarded all funds allocated by the state for the revitalization grants.

H.F. 3699 makes a onetime appropriation of \$18,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 to DHS for child care infrastructure grants.