
BACKGROUND

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B.C. communities receive 1,488 new child-care spaces

This backgrounder contains more information on the 26 organizations that are sharing \$8.2 million in major capital funding to create a total of 1,488 new child-care spaces in B.C. Funding for the new spaces has been allocated based on the following criteria:

- Non-profit child-care providers are eligible to receive up to \$500,000.
- Private (for-profit, including family child care) providers can receive up to \$250,000.
- Targeted: Projects creating new licensed child-care spaces on school grounds are eligible to receive up to 90% of the total project cost (applicants are responsible for the remaining 10%).
- Co-Located: Projects creating new licensed child-care spaces that are co-located with other family support programs are eligible to receive up to 80% (applicants are responsible for the remaining 20%).
- Regular: All other projects are eligible to receive up to 75% (applicants are responsible for the remaining 25%).
- Not every project application is for the maximum provincial investment available, as their projects may be smaller or their costs may be lower (e.g., family providers).
- The actual costs-per-space varies due to a range of factors, including the type of space being built and the community profile.
- For example, a family child-care provider could potentially build new spaces for approximately \$500/space, while a group-care provider located in a rural/remote community could potentially have a higher cost per space.

The details on funding, including the type of funding for each successful applicant, are included below. More information on each project will be available once project agreements have been finalized.

Abbotsford

Regular: Little Koala Montessori Childcare Ltd. is receiving \$249,998 to create 53 spaces - 12 infant/toddler spaces and 41 spaces for children aged three to five years at Little Koala Montessori Academy.

Coal Harbour

Targeted: The Quatsino First Nation is receiving \$492,643 to create 28 spaces at Quatsino K'ak'ot'lats'i School - 4 infant/toddler spaces, 16 spaces for children aged three to five years and eight multi-aged spaces.

Duncan

Targeted: The Parkside Academy Society is receiving \$39,661 to create 42 spaces at Somenos Rural Traditional Elementary school – 12 infant/toddler spaces and 30 school-aged spaces.

Fort St. James

Co-Located: The Nechako Valley Community Services Society is receiving \$126,642 to create 28 spaces – eight infant/toddler spaces and 20 spaces for children aged three to five years. These spaces will be co-located on a site with other supports and services, including Carrier Sekani Family Services, child and youth mental health, children who witness abuse, infant development, and a child and youth worker.

Hazelton

Targeted: The Gitanmaax Band Council is receiving \$500,000 for 34 spaces at Gitanmaax Nursery School – 12 infant/toddler spaces and 22 preschool spaces.

Penticton

Co-Located: The Okanagan Similkameen Neurological Society (OSNS) is receiving \$224,487 to create 24 spaces – eight infant/toddler spaces and 16 preschool spaces – at the KinderBear Developmental Daycare Centre. These spaces will be located on the same site as other family-serving organizations, including the Penticton Early Childhood Education Society and the OSNS Child and Youth Development Centre, which provides occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech language therapy and autism supports.

Port Alberni

Co-Located: The Port Alberni Friendship Centre is receiving \$491,595 to create 50 new spaces – 8 infant/toddler spaces, 32 spaces for children aged three to five years and 10 school-aged spaces.

Prince George

Targeted: The YMCA of Northern BC is receiving \$500,000 to create 81 spaces at École Lac des Bois Elementary school – 12 infant/toddler spaces, 25 spaces for children aged three to five years, 20 preschool spaces and 24 school-aged spaces.

Surrey

Regular: BrightStart Children's Academy Ltd. is receiving \$250,000 to create 100 spaces – 24 infant/toddler spaces, 32 spaces for children aged three to five years, 20 preschool spaces, and 24 school-aged spaces.

Regular: CamRose Early Learning Inc. is receiving \$223,595 to create 48 spaces – 24 infant/toddler spaces and 24 spaces for children aged three to five years.

Regular: Central City Jr. Kindergarten Ltd. is receiving \$162,897 to create 36 spaces- 12 infant/toddler spaces and 24 spaces for children aged three to five years.

Regular: Elms Academy Ltd. is receiving \$92,787 to create 40 spaces for children aged three to five years at Elms School House.

Regular: GCA Education Services is receiving \$21,880 to create 28 spaces at Wise Owl Montessori Academy - 12 infant/toddler spaces, eight group preschool spaces and eight school-aged spaces.

Regular: JW Westcoast Properties is receiving \$211,500 to create 86 spaces at New Beginnings Early Learning Centre - 36 infant/toddler spaces and 50 spaces for children aged three to five years.

Regular: Kids & Company Corporate Child Care Services is receiving a total of \$500,000 for two projects totalling 161 spaces:

- \$250,000 to create 101 spaces at its Morgan Crossing location - 60 infant/toddler spaces and 41 spaces for children aged three to five years .
- \$250,000 to create 60 spaces at its King George Surrey location - 36 infant/toddler spaces and 24 spaces for children aged three to five years.

Regular: SLC Learning Centres Inc. is receiving \$250,000 to create 84 spaces at the Creative Kids Learning Centers - Newton location - 36 infant/toddler spaces and 48 spaces for children aged three to five years.

Regular: Strong Foundations Early Learning is receiving \$169,768 to create 93 spaces in the Peninsula Village Mall complex - 40 infant/toddler spaces, 25 spaces for children aged three to five years, 16 preschool spaces and 12 school-aged spaces.

Regular: Wind and Tide Child Development Centre Ltd. is receiving \$83,147 to create 18 spaces for children aged three to five years at its Wind and Tide - Relate location.

Terrace

Regular: The Kermode Friendship Society is receiving \$499,721 to create 62 spaces at the Kermode Child Care Centre - 12 infant/toddler spaces and 50 spaces for children aged three to five years.

Targeted: The Rock Christian Community is receiving \$380,885 to create 56 spaces at Copper Mountain Elementary school - 12 infant/toddler spaces, 24 spaces for children aged three to five years and 20 school-aged spaces.

Tipella

Co-Located: The Southern Stl'at'imx Health Society is receiving \$416,163 to create 28 spaces - 10 preschool spaces, 10 school-aged spaces and eight multi-age spaces. These new spaces will be located within the Xa'Xtsa First Nation.

Vancouver

Co-Located: The Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC (South Vancouver Neighbourhood House) is receiving \$149,000 to create 30 spaces - 15 preschool spaces and 15 school-aged spaces. These spaces will be located on the same site as the South Vancouver Neighbourhood House, South Hill Neighbours Society and South Vancouver Family Place.

Targeted: The City of Vancouver is receiving a total of \$1 million for two projects totalling 138 spaces:

- \$500,000 to create 69 spaces at Fleming Elementary school - 24 infant/toddler spaces, 25 spaces for children aged three to five years and 20 preschool spaces.
- \$500,000 to create 69 spaces at Lord Nelson Elementary school - 24 infant/toddler spaces, 25 spaces for children aged three to five years and 20 preschool spaces.

Victoria

Co-Located: The Saanich Neighbourhood Place is receiving \$500,000 to create 49 spaces - 24 infant/toddler spaces and 25 spaces for children aged three to five years. These spaces will be located at Tillicum Centre, on the same site as the Saanich Neighbourhood Place, Parkes Recreation Centre and the Saanich Centennial branch of the Greater Victoria Public Library.

Co-Located: The YMCA-YWCA of Greater Victoria is receiving \$131,187 to create 36 spaces- 12 infant/toddler and 24 spaces for children aged 3-5 at the Westhills YMCA-YWCA Child Care Centre in Langford. These spaces will be co-located on a site with other supports and services, including the Conservatory of Music and the Westhills branch of the Greater Victoria Public Library.

Williams Lake

Targeted: Contact Women's Group Society is receiving \$500,000 to create 55 spaces at Nesika Elementary school and Lake City Secondary school's Columneetza campus - 16 spaces for children aged three to five years, 15 school-aged spaces and 24 multi-aged spaces.