

Child Care Capital Construction Funding Program (4CFP) Public Questions Received and Answers		
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Application Process/Materials	At the time of application, is the applicant required to provide formal proof of matching funds, or is a documented funding plan (with anticipated sources) sufficient, subject to later verification?	Per Section 2.6 (Project Budget) of the 4CFP RFA, Applicants are required to attach letters of commitment (or contingent commitment) from each other source of funds. Paid invoices evidencing payment of costs by the applicant cannot be incurred before April 1, 2025, in order to be considered eligible project costs. For any other funding that has not yet been committed to the Applicant, the anticipated date the funding will be secured for the project must be indicated in the project budget.
Application Process/Materials	How do organizations register and prequalify on the NYS Statewide Financial System? Is this needed prior to responding to the RFP?	Yes, not-for-profit corporations be registered in the Statewide Financial System and must receive approved prequalification status prior to the submission of their Application. They must remain Prequalified through the execution of the Grant Disbursement Agreement and payment of all requisitions. Please refer to Section 3.2 of the 4CFP RFA for additional information about prequalification.
Application Process/Materials	HOW I APPLY	Please review Section 3 (Application Process) of the 4CFP RFA and Appendix 1-4CFP Application- for information and instructions on how to apply.
Application Process/Materials	I would like to attend the webinar on December 10, but there is no information regarding registration on the program website.	The 4CFP Informational Webinar was posted to the OCFS and DASNY websites.
Application Process/Materials	In 2024, my program was denied the grant due to a missing regulator sign-off form, according to a DASNY representative. When I followed up with my OCFS licensor, she stated that she had never heard of this form. Can you please direct me where this form can be found.	Per Section 5.2 (Prerequisites to the Grant Disbursement Agreement), within 60 days of receiving the award letter all Awardees must submit the child care licensing office sign off form to OCFS. The completion of this form will be a prerequisite to obtaining a fully executed GDA, and is not a requirement at the time of application. The form will be made available on the OCFS website no earlier than May 1, 2026.
Application Process/Materials	In the application, Underneath "Section 4: Project Impact Questions", it states that each response is limited to 500 characters or less. Does that statement pertain solely to Section 4, or to Section 5 as well?	It's suggested that responses in both Section 4 and Section 5 are limited to 500 characters or less.
Application Process/Materials	Should the Section 5: Project Need Questions be limited to 500 characters? The character limit request is only listed under Section 4.	It's suggested that responses in both Section 4 and Section 5 are limited to 500 characters or less.
Application Process/Materials	New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) allocations from the U.S. Treasury CDFI Fund have not yet been awarded to Community Development Entities (CDEs) nationally for 2025. This is a nationwide timing issue affecting all projects seeking to utilize NMTCs. Until the NMTC allocations are awarded and all other sources of construction funding are secured, CDEs cannot provide commitment letters for NMTC financing. Will Letters of Interest from CDEs demonstrating intent to provide NMTC financing be acceptable documentation at the time of application, with the understanding that formal commitment letters will be provided once: (1) NMTC allocations are awarded by the U.S. Treasury, and (2) all other project funding sources are secured?"	Per Section 2.6 (Project Budget) of the 4CFP RFA, Project Costs cannot be financed through long-term debt, bonds, or other long-term financial instruments, or from the corpus of a tax credit structure. If New Market Tax Credits are part of the financing for the proposed project, it is not eligible for 4CFP funding.
Application Process/Materials	What is the application process like and the project timeline to start up a center utilizing this grant?	Applicants can determine the project timeline by reviewing Section 5 (Advancement and Grant Disbursement Agreement) of the 4CFP RFA. Please note, Per Section 2.2 (Eligible Entities) of the RFA, the permit/registration/license to operate must be obtained within six months of the date the Certificate of Occupancy is issued upon completion of the construction project. Applicants are encouraged to contact the child care licensing office to discuss licensing/registration/permitted requirements. For more information regarding the application process, please refer to Section 3 (Application Process) of the RFA.
Application Process/Materials	When to submit the application	Per Section 3.3 (Submit Application) of the 4CFP RFA, the application submission period is February 2, 2026 - March 13, 2026. The 4CFP submission window closes at 11:59pm on March 13, 2026
Application Process/Materials	Where do I submit the application	Please review section 3.3 (Submit Application) of the 4CFP RFA and Appendix 1-4CFP Application- for information and instructions on how to apply. Applications must be submitted to <b>childcare@dasny.org</b> and meet all other requirements outlined in section 3.3 of the RFA.
Eligibility	Are federally recognized Native Nations who run a non-profit child care center on their lands eligible to apply for this funding?	Federally recognized Native Nations are not defined in the RFA as an eligible entity. However, per Section 2.2 (Eligible Entities) of the 4CFP RFA, Not-for Profit Child Care programs are eligible to apply. Please review the full RFA for all eligibility criteria.
Eligibility	Can I use the grant to expand my home in order to run a bigger more efficient daycare program?	No, home based child care programs are not eligible for this opportunity. Please continue to monitor the OCFS website for future grant and funding opportunities
Eligibility	Are family daycare's eligible and if so, what is the minimum requirement?	No, home based child care programs are not eligible for this opportunity. Please continue to monitor the OCFS website for future grant and funding opportunities
Eligibility	Are group family in home daycare's eligible?	No, home based child care programs are not eligible for this opportunity. Please continue to monitor the OCFS website for future grant and funding opportunities
Eligibility	Are registered family daycare providers eligible to apply if they want to change their modality to Group Family daycare?	No, home based child care programs are not eligible for this opportunity. Please continue to monitor the OCFS website for future grant and funding opportunities <a href="https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/grants/">https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/grants/</a>
Eligibility	Are home-based providers eligible for the \$10M that was published by the OCFS as earmarked specifically for that modality at the initial press release of this opportunity?	No, home based child care programs are not eligible for this 4CFP opportunity. Refer to Section 2.2 (Eligible Entities) and Section 2.3 (Ineligible Entities) of the 4CFP RFA for more information. Please continue to monitor the OCFS website for future grant and funding opportunities
Eligibility	I am a licensed family daycare provider, looking to expand to a group daycare in a different facility on my property. Would I be eligible to utilize this grant to do so, as I am looking to expand and have a separate dwelling for daycare outside of my home?	No, home based child care programs are not eligible for this opportunity. Please continue to monitor the OCFS website for future grant and funding opportunities

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Eligibility	I am a licensed group family daycare provider that serves ages 6 weeks- 12 years old. Do I qualify for this grant?	No, home based child care programs are not eligible for this opportunity. Please continue to monitor the OCFS website for future grant and funding opportunities
Eligibility	I am currently a legally exempt provider, I have wanted to go registered but my home just doesn't have the space. If I were in the process of going registered could I qualify for a grant for an addition to my home ,so I'm able to take more kids.	No, home based child care programs are not eligible for this opportunity. Please continue to monitor the OCFS website for future grant and funding opportunities
Eligibility	If eligible would the grant cover expanding my current home which is my daycare location in order to provide more space for more children?	No, home based child care programs are not eligible for this opportunity. Please continue to monitor the OCFS website for future grant and funding opportunities
Eligibility	If a program received funding under the CCCP grant in 2024, are they eligible to apply for this grant as well for additional spaces and programming?	Eligible nonprofit organizations that have been awarded Child Care Capital funding in the past are eligible to apply for funding for a different project at the same location as long as all other eligibly requirements of the 4CFP RFA are met.
Eligibility	Are organizations that have been awarded Child Care Capital funding in the past eligible to apply for funding for a different project at the same location?	Eligible nonprofit organizations that have been awarded Child Care Capital funding in the past are eligible to apply for funding for a different project at the same location as long as all other eligibly requirements of the 4CFP RFA are met.
Eligibility	Are organizations that have been awarded Child Care Capital funding in the past eligible to apply for funding for a project occurring at a different site?	Eligible nonprofit organizations that have been awarded Child Care Capital funding in the past are eligible to apply for funding for a different project as long as all other eligibly requirements of the 4CFP RFA are met.
Eligibility	Are private, for-profit child care centers eligible for this funding or at least \$5M that was rolled over from the previous round?	Per Section 2.3 (Ineligible Entities) of the 4CFP RFA, for-profit day-care programs are not eligible for 4CFP funding.
Eligibility	I am a for profit center, privately owned since 2006 can I submit an application. The need for childcare is very high in my area	Per Section 2.3 (Ineligible Entities) of the 4CFP RFA, for-profit day-care programs are not eligible for 4CFP funding.
Eligibility	Can a child care center- DCA that is for-profit be eligible to apply for the grant?	Per Section 2.3 (Ineligible Entities) of the 4CFP RFA, for-profit day-care programs are not eligible for 4CFP funding.
Eligibility	Can an existing for profit business be eligible if the center will be based in a non-for-profit location?	Per Section 2.3 (Ineligible Entities) of the 4CFP RFA, for-profit day-care programs are not eligible for 4CFP funding.
Eligibility	I'm for profit daycare I'm eligible?	Per Section 2.3 (Ineligible Entities) of the 4CFP RFA, for-profit day-care programs are not eligible for 4CFP funding.
Eligibility	Please confirm that a Day Care Center licensed under OCFS 18 NYCRR 418-1 is NOT ELIGIBLE for a 4CFP Grant if it is privately owned and operates "for profit" and is not owned by one or more of the following: Independent Private Colleges & Universities; Municipalities; Not-for-Profit corporations; Public Authorities or Public Colleges & Universities.	Per Section 2.3 (Ineligible Entities) of the 4CFP RFA, for-profit day-care programs are not eligible for 4CFP funding.
Eligibility	Thank you for this opportunity. We were very disappointed to see that for profits are no longer eligible to apply. We are providing childcare in highly disadvantaged neighborhoods in the Bronx. As one of the largest childcare providers in the area, we are filling a very significant role in addressing the local childcare shortages. Is there a possibility that you would reconsider this determination and reopen the opportunity to for profits? Alternatively, will different funds be made available to support the expansion of childcare programs provided by for profits?	Please continue to monitor the OCFS website for future grant and funding opportunities
Eligibility	The RFA lists “for-profit day-care programs” as ineligible, yet the public announcements and application materials don’t clearly address how for-profit operators fit into the program. We need confirmation on whether a for-profit provider can apply directly.	Per Section 2.3 (Ineligible Entities) of the 4CFP RFA, for-profit day-care programs are not eligible for 4CFP funding.
Eligibility	As a religious non for profit, we are planning an expansion of our existing facility that will service religious purposes, but will also have a designated space to be used as a child care that would not have any religious use. Would such a project be eligible?	Please review Section 2.4 (Eligible Project Locations) of the 4CFP RFA for information regarding project locations owned by religious organizations.
Eligibility	Are daycares in NYC (DOHMH) with DOE 3k and 4k eligible to apply?	Please review the full 4CFP RFA and appendices for all eligibility criteria. Please also note that per Section 2.4 (Eligible Project Locations) of the RFA, the proposed project location must not be under public school district authority. Programs operated at schools, either public or non-public, are excluded from this grant unless the Applicant has a segregated leased space and is the primary beneficiary of the project.
Eligibility	Can a legal school Article 43 open a day care?	Per Section 2.3 (Ineligible Entities) of the 4CFP RFA, public or private elementary or secondary schools are not eligible for 4CFP funding.
Eligibility	Can a non-profit developer and property owner/manager apply for the CCCP grant as the sole applicant/grantee, provided they commit to a long-term lease with a qualifying, OCFS-licensed childcare provider that meets all program requirements?	Per Section 2.2 (Eligible Entities) of the 4CFP RFA, Not-for-Profit applicants are required to maintain or obtain a permit/registration/license to operate as either a child daycare center licensed pursuant to 18-NYCRR 418-1, school age child care program registered pursuant to 18 NYCRR 414 or group day care programs permitted pursuant to Article 47 of the New York City Health Code. Only municipal, public authority, college and university entitles have the option to have another entity operate a licensed/registered/permitted child care program in the facility they control and maintain
Eligibility	Can a parent organization submit an application that benefits one of its affiliates? The parent organization would be funding and managing the project, but has a different EIN than the affiliate. Would the affiliate still need to be prequalified in SFS?	Per Section 2.2 (Eligible Entities), Section 2.4 (Eligible Project Locations), and Section 2.5 (Eligible Projects) of the 4CFP RFA, the Applicant must be the child care provider, the entity entering into the contracts for the work to be performed, the entity paying for the costs of the project, and the entity that has site control over the project location. Municipal, Public Authority, and College & University entitles have the option to operate a licensed/registered/permitted child care program on their site staffed by their employees or to have another entity operate a licensed/registered/permitted child care program in the facility they control and maintain.

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Eligibility	Can CCCP be combined with NYS HCR's Rural and Urban Community Investment Fund (CIF)?	No, per Section 2.6 (Project Budget) of the 4CFP RFA, Project Costs cannot be funneled through the corpus of a tax credit structure or financed through any long term bond, debt or other long term financial instrument.
Eligibility	Can you please confirm that a building addition to an existing, licensed child care center (approximately 7,000 SF) intended to increase licensed capacity is considered an eligible project under this RFA?	Please review the 4CFP RFA and related documentation, specifically sections 2.3 (Ineligible Entities), Section 2.7 (Eligible Project Costs) and Section 2.8 (Ineligible Project Costs) which describe the eligible and ineligible 4CFP project requirements.
Eligibility	do i am eligible ?	Please review the full 4CFP RFA and appendices for all eligibility criteria.
Eligibility	good evening, I am currently a daycare provider, I am looking forward to this grant to create a daycare center. do I qualify? if so is there any guidance?	Please review the full 4CFP RFA and appendices for all eligibility criteria.
Eligibility	Hello, Can an applicant wishing to open a Daycare Center apply?	Per the 4CFP RFA, eligible prospective child care providers may apply. Please carefully review the entire RFA, including Section 2 (Eligibility) for full eligibility criteria. Per Section 3.3 (Submit Application) of the 4CFP RFA, if the Applicant is opening a new child care program, they must have completed significant background and development work before applying to 4CFP. They are encouraged to contact the child care licensing office to discuss licensing/registration/permitted requirements so that plans reflect these requirements.
Eligibility	Hi, i would like to buy my sister out of the property that we pay rent on. can the funds be used for this? it was owned by my mom. she died. myself and my sister will be put on the deed. my sister doesn't want to be put on deed. so lrs needs to buy her out so our daycare won't have to pay rent... and we would own the building instead of just paying rent.	Per Section 2.8 (Ineligible Project Costs) of the 4CFP RFA, Real Property Acquisition is an ineligible use of 4CFP funds
Eligibility	How do you define "100% segregated from any tax credit structures"? Could a mixed-use LIHTC project qualify? The uses would be in the same building, but the costs would be segregated. The childcare facility would be funded with the Child Care Capital Program (CCCP) and a permanent mortgage. Tax Credits would only be used for the residential portion.	Please refer to Section 2.4 (Eligible Project Locations) and Section 2.6 (Project Budget) of the 4CFP RFA for information about tax credits and the requirements that must be satisfied.
Eligibility	I need help with this grant to renewal my kitchen and finish my second bathroom which is convenient for the children's downstairs on the first floor.	Please review the 4CFP RFA and related documentation for full eligibility requirements. Section 2.2 (Eligible Entities) and Section 2.3 (Ineligible Entities) of the RFA describe the eligible and ineligible 4CFP entities.
Eligibility	If a municipality or nonprofit applies and owns/leases the facility, can a for-profit provider operate the program as the licensed operator for the required eight-year compliance period?	Per Section 2.2 (Eligible Entities) of the 4CFP RFA, only Municipal, Public Authority, and College & University entities have the option to operate a licensed/registered/permitted child care program on their site staffed by their employees or to have another entity operate a licensed/registered/permitted child care program in the facility they control and maintain. Nonprofit applicants must also be the day care provider, they are not permitted to have another entity operate the child care program.
Eligibility	If a potential applicant under this RFP has spent money for construction since April 1, 2025 and the applicant has been approved for additional slots in October 2025, is the applicant eligible to apply for this grant to cover the expenditures for construction between April 1, and now going forward?	Per Section 2.6 (Project Budget) and Section 2.7 (Eligible Project Costs) of the 4CFP RFA, eligible costs incurred after April 1, 2025 could be eligible for reimbursement. Please carefully review the entire RFA, including Section 2 (Eligibility) for full eligibility criteria.
Eligibility	If a potential applicant under this RFP has spent money for construction since April 1, 2025, and the applicant has been approved for new slots in October 2025, is the applicant eligible to apply for this grant to cover the expenditures for construction between April 1, and now going forward? We ask because we still have open permits because construction is still on going and we have a TCO and not the CO?	Per Section 2.6 (Project Budget) and Section 2.7 (Eligible Project Costs) of the 4CFP RFA, eligible costs incurred after April 1, 2025 could be eligible for reimbursement. Please carefully review the entire RFA, including Section 2 (Eligibility) for full eligibility criteria.
Eligibility	If an applicant plans to renovate the entire existing child care facility, including adding new rooms, bathrooms, a playroom, outdoor play areas (front and backyard), and a redesigned entrance, would this be considered an eligible project under the 4CFP program?	Please review Section 2.5 (Eligible Projects) and 2.7 (Eligible Project Costs) of the 4CFP RFA for information regarding project eligibility.
Eligibility	IF applicant received funding under the Consolidated Funding Application for a project for only 20% or 40% reimbursement financing, can the applicant get the balance of the 100% reimbursement financing under this particular RFX which provides 100% reimbursement financing?	4CFP funds cannot be used to reimburse for costs paid for with other grant funding. Whether 4CFP funding could be used in conjunction with other grants for different costs of the project would depend upon the requirements of the other grant programs. Some other State funding opportunities require a 'local match' to receive their award and could prohibit that match from coming from another State funded program like 4CFP. Project costs also cannot be financed through long-term debt, bonds, or other long-term financial instruments, or from the corpus of a tax credit structure.
Eligibility	If a religious nonprofit facility expansion project is eligible, how should the project budget be prepared for this grant? Should it include the full budget and then show which parts are for the day care use? I.e. say 20 parking spots are needed for day care, we would divide the parking/drainage project amount based on that?	Please carefully review Section 2.6 (Project Budget) of the 4CFP RFA and Section 7 (Project Budget) of Appendix 1- Application. A successful application would clearly identify all of the project tasks involved in the full undertaking of their prospective project. They would also include qualified professional cost estimates for each task in their budget as well as provide verified sources of funding for the portions of their project beyond what would be funded through reimbursement with 4CFP funds.

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Eligibility	If we are a for profit center and want to expand a second location under a non for profit corporation would that make us eligible?	Per Section 2.3 (Ineligible Entities) of the 4CFP RFA, for-profit day-care programs are not eligible for 4CFP funding. Per section 2.2 (Eligible Entities) of the 4CFP RFA, Not-for-Profit applicants are required to maintain or obtain a permit/registration/license to operate as either a child day care center licensed pursuant to 18 NYCRR 418-1, school age child care program registered pursuant to 18 NYCRR 414 or group day care programs permitted pursuant to Article 47 of the New York City Health Code. The permit/registration/license to operate must be obtained within six months of the date the Certificate of Occupancy is issued upon completion of the construction project, and the child care program must be in operation for a minimum of eight years after the completion of the grant funded project.
Eligibility	If you own property commercially zoned can you put in for a brand new for profit center?	Per Section 2.3 (Ineligible Entities) of the 4CFP RFA, for-profit day-care programs are not eligible for 4CFP funding.
Eligibility	Is it a requirement that the proposed childcare center be located in a childcare desert? Can we still apply if our physical address is not in a childcare desert but we serve children from a nearby census tract that is a desert?	Being located in a defined Child Care Desert is not a prerequisite for applying for 4CFP funding, however, project locations that are in defined deserts will receive more points than those that are not located in a defined desert. Per Section 4.2 (Selection Criteria) of the 4CFP RFA, The Child Care Desert map is based on the following data sources: child care capacity data for licensed child care providers (excluding School Age Child Care Programs) from Child Care Facility System, August 2025 ; child care capacity data for permitted day care centers in New York City data extracted from Open Data NYC, August 2025. Please refer to Appendix 2, Scoring Matrix, for more information on the number of points received based on Desert Levels.
Eligibility	Is this grant available for private, non-profit early childcare programs? We currently lease space from a public school district and are seeking funding to expand our childcare program. Specifically, we plan to increase enrollment by adding an additional 10,000 square feet by utilizing unoccupied space within the building we lease. This expansion will require construction to develop approximately 10 classrooms to accommodate the new enrollment. Thank you	Per Section 2.4 (Eligible Project Locations) of the 4CFP RFA, the proposed project location must not be under public school district authority. Programs operated at schools, either public or non-public, are excluded from the grant unless the Applicant has a segregated leased space and is the primary beneficiary of the project.
Eligibility	On p. 12 it states that “No portion of the Project financed with grant proceeds shall be used for any of the following purposes....a facility used primarily in connection with any part of the program of a school or department of divinity for any religious denomination; or the training of ministers or other similar persons in the field of religion.” Based on that – can we apply to build a new childcare center in a segregated space in a facility used by a private school, with the understanding that the funding would benefit only the space used for the childcare center?	Per Section 2.4 (Eligible Project Locations), programs operated at schools, either public or non-public, are excluded from this grant unless that Applicant has a segregated lease space and is the primary beneficiary of the project. A not-for-profit entity that is located in a school facility could apply, but they would have to demonstrate in their site control documentation that they have 100% control over their leased space and it is not used by their landlord at any time.
Eligibility	Our childcare facility is not physically located in a child care desert, but is surrounded by child care deserts and serves children from these areas. Are we eligible?	Being located in a defined Child Care Desert is not a prerequisite for applying for 4CFP funding, however, project locations that are in defined deserts will receive more points than those that are not located in a defined desert. Per Section 4.2 (Selection Criteria) of the 4CFP RFA, The Child Care Desert map is based on the following data sources: child care capacity data for licensed child care providers (excluding School Age Child Care Programs) from Child Care Facility System, August 2025 ; child care capacity data for permitted day care centers in New York City data extracted from Open Data NYC, August 2025. Please refer to Appendix 2, Scoring Matrix, for more information on the number of points received based on Desert Levels.
Eligibility	Our nonprofit organization does workforce development that offers childcare during training to overcome barriers to employment. We work with a for-profit childcare center. Is the nonprofit eligible to apply on behalf of the childcare center?	Per Section 2.2 (Eligible Entities) of the 4CFP RFA, only Municipal, Public Authority, and College & University entities have the option to operate a licensed/registered/permitted child care program on their site staffed by their employees or to have another entity operate a licensed/registered/permitted child care program in the facility they control and maintain.
Eligibility	Our organization is currently leading a major Capital Campaign to support a shovel-ready expansion and renovation project. This comprehensive initiative will modernize and expand our facility to better serve children, youth, and families. As part of this project, our Afterschool and Summer Program Center will be fully renovated, representing 3,267 square feet of a nearly 40,000 square-foot expansion and renovation. The project also includes a dedicated gymnasium that will be devoted to afterschool and summer programming when those programs are in session. Given the scope and readiness of this shovel-ready project, we are seeking guidance on whether our organization should request funding for the entire \$17.9 million capital project—which directly and indirectly supports afterschool and summer programming—or limit the request to the portion of the project specifically dedicated to afterschool and summer programs.	Per Section 1.3 (Funding Availability and Allocations) of the 4CFP RFA, 4CFP grant awards will range from a minimum of \$500,000 to a maximum of \$5,000,000 and will be awarded to qualified applicants for reimbursement of capital costs for the design, construction, reconstruction, renovation and equipment needed to create or expand the availability of quality licensed/registered/permitted child care programs.

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Eligibility	Our project will utilize New Markets Tax Credits (NMTCs), which require the creation of a supporting organization controlled by the applicant to implement the NMTC structure. The supporting organization will own the land and building, all construction contracts will be with the supporting organization, and the supporting organization will be the entity paying for project costs. The NMTC structure requires this related supporting organization to maximize the tax credit allocation. Does the NMTC-required supporting organization structure render the applicant ineligible under the provisions regarding affiliates or related entities? If not, what documentation is required to demonstrate that the applicant (not the supporting organization) is the primary beneficiary and contracting entity despite the supporting organization being the owner, contracting entity, and paying entity?	Per Section 2.6 (Project Budget) of the 4CFP RFA, Project Costs cannot be financed through long-term debt, bonds, or other long-term financial instruments, or from the corpus of a tax credit structure. If New Market Tax Credits are part of the financing for the proposed project, it is not eligible for 4CFP funding.
Eligibility	There is a planned project in a high-need area that will be a combined childcare center and low-income/supportive housing development. The childcare portion of the project is open to the community and designed to address community needs, not just the needs of the residents. Ninety-six (96) slots are proposed for children ages six weeks to 12 years. The not-for-profit developer (sponsor) currently operates a site two blocks from the proposed new site but due to demand, the sponsor is expanding the childcare facility from 45 to 96 slots, and relocating the program to the new project site once completed. The site is adjacent to and bordering medium-to-high level childcare desert census tracts. The childcare center will be housed in a separate but connected building, with its own entrance and dedicated outdoor play area, adjacent to the residential portion of the development. To help offset construction costs, a portion of the childcare center is currently included in a pending New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) application and supported through Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) equity. However, the HCR funding requested is insufficient to fully cover the childcare center's development costs. The sponsor proposes to carve out a segregated condominium of a portion of the childcare development costs for the purposes of this application. The 4CFP funds will only be used to cover the cost of the condo portion. The sponsor is not trying to complicate matters; we are seeking a solution to solve the need for high quality childcare in an impacted community. The sponsor is a well-regarded long-time childcare and housing provider. We believe we can create a condo – owned by the sponsor – not an affiliate, within the proposed building that will be outside of the LIHTC corpus. Would this structure be suitable to secure needed financing from the 4CFP initiative? The sponsor holds site control and a condo can be filed/created forthwith.	As noted in the 4CFP RFA Section 2.4 Eligible Project Locations, "For all Project Locations where Tax Credits may be utilized", and FAQs, Section F: "Tax Credit Structures", 4CFP funds cannot be combined with a project funded, in whole or in part by any type of tax credit structure. However, if the child care program has definite legal site control in their own legal name for a project location, has segregated stand-alone construction contracts for the work to be performed as part of the project and can with 100% certainty prove that absolutely none of the costs or funding involved in the proposed child care program project are funneled through the corpus of the tax credit structure, then it may be eligible. Each potential scenario will be highly fact specific in the determination of its eligibility so a generalized answer is not possible. Additionally, please refer to Section 2 of the RFA for all eligibility criteria that must be met.
Eligibility	We have been operating a child care center for many years. A builder we know is working on a new project in a neighboring community and would like us either move our current program to the finished building or possibly open an second center. They will take care of all of the construction for us because the project is looking to get a community based tenant in the building. I'm interested because the rent would be cheaper than I am currently paying, but I haven't decided if I want to move or operate two centers. What documents would I need from the builder since the project is already under way and the are way past estimates?	Per Section 2.2 (Eligible Entities), Section 2.4 (Eligible Project Locations), and Section 2.5 (Eligible Projects) of the 4CFP RFA, the contracts for the work to be performed must be in the name of the 4CFP applicant. The applicant must also be the entity paying for the costs of the project. If the contracts to perform the work are in builder's name, your organization would not be eligible for reimbursement for these costs. Additionally, you should inquire as to whether or not the building is utilizing any type of tax credits to fund the construction project. Any project costs that are used to generate tax credits are not eligible for reimbursement with 4CFP funds.
Eligibility	We are a 501c3 that runs free after school programs and full day summer camps for middle and high schoolers and are wanting to expand our facilities. Would we be eligible to apply for this grant?	Please review the full 4CFP RFA and appendices for all eligibility criteria.
Eligibility	We are a private, not-for-profit corporation governed by a Board of Directors that constructs and leases industrial space. Our tenants are primarily manufacturers, and with nearly one thousand employees in our buildings plus over a thousand more within a mile radius, we are acutely aware of the need for reliable, available, and accessible childcare. Based on that feedback, we are seeking to undertake a development project that is mission-aligned but outside of our typical wheelhouse - construction of a 10,000 sf childcare facility. We own a site for which we are investigating the feasibility of this construction. Because we are not in the business of operating a childcare facility, we intend to lease the space to a for-profit childcare provider with a proven track record of experience in managing, staffing, and maintaining such an operation. If awarded, we will commit to the eight years' operations requirement as set forth in the RFA, making a grant such as this critical to our ability to construct this project. We have the cash on hand estimated to be required and will invest the matching funds required to see this project come to fruition. Based upon our review of the RFA, we are unclear as to whether or not a not-for-profit developer would be eligible to apply for funding to construct a childcare facility that would subsequently be leased to a for-profit operator. Are we eligible and would this be a permissible use of funds?	No, Per Section 2.2 (Eligible Entities) of the 4CFP RFA, Not-for-Profit applicants are required to maintain or obtain a permit/registration/license to operate as either a child daycare center licensed pursuant to 18-NYCRR 418-1, school age child care program registered pursuant to 18 NYCRR 414 or group day care programs permitted pursuant to Article 47 of the New York City Health Code. Only municipal, public authority, college and university entitles have the option to have another entity operate a licensed/registered/permitted child care program in the facility they control and maintain
Eligibility	We have a BOCES that is looking to build and run a highly specialized campus for 500 K - 12 students, the majority of which have special needs, emotional / behavioral needs and developmental disabilities including autism. This campus will feature indoor and outdoor specialized occupational and physical therapy spaces, in addition to sensory rooms and dedicated therapeutic learning environments. Our question is if a BOCES is able to apply for this funding.	Per Section 2.3 (Ineligible Project Locations) and Section 2.4 (Eligible Project Locations) of the 4CFP RFA, public or private elementary or secondary schools are not eligible for 4CFP funding and the proposed project location must not be under public school district authority.



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Eligibility	We have a purchase agreement for the property to be developed. Creating a supporting organization to hold title to the property and to lease it back to us to operate the property, is necessary for our financing structure for our New Market Tax Credit project. Will this structure render us ineligible? If not, what additional documentation is required?	Per Section 2.6 (Project Budget) of the 4CFP RFA, Project Costs cannot be financed through long-term debt, bonds, or other long-term financial instruments, or from the corpus of a tax credit structure. If New Market Tax Credits are part of the financing for the proposed project, it is not eligible for 4CFP funding.
Eligibility	What do i need to submit pls give me a list	Please refer to Section 3.3 (Submit Application) and Appendices for full application information and instructions on how to apply.
Eligibility	What is defined as a public authority?	Public authorities are defined as entities established under the Public Authorities Law.
Eligibility	Who is eligible	Please review the 4CFP RFA and related documentation for full eligibility requirements. Section 2.2 (Eligible Entities) and Section 3.2 (Ineligible Entities) of the RFA describe the eligible and ineligible 4CFP entities.
Eligibility	Will providers be given insight into some of the desert locations that are eligible? The actual desert tool is challenging to navigate.	Being located in a defined Child Care Desert is not a prerequisite for applying for 4CFP funding, however, project locations that are in defined deserts will receive more points than those that are not located in a defined desert. Information on Child Care Deserts can be found in Section 4.2 (Selection Criteria) of the 4CFP RFA, and information on scoring and the number of available points can be found in Appendix 2, Scoring Matrix.
Eligibility	Will the grant be made available to new providers and pending providers that are currently going through the process of becoming certified but are not yet certified Day Care providers?	Per Section 2.2 (Eligible Entities) of the RFA, the permit/registration/license to operate must be obtained within six months of the date the Certificate of Occupancy is issued upon completion of the construction project. Applicants are encouraged to contact the child care licensing office to discuss licensing/registration/permitted requirements. For more information regarding the application process, please refer to Section 3 (Application Process) of the RFA.
Grant Disbursement Agreement	If approved how are payments made? Is it one lump sum? Or made throughout a time period?	Once a Grantee receives a fully executed Grant Disbursement Agreement (GDA), they can begin submitting for reimbursement of eligible costs at any time. This may include submitting multiple requests or one lump sum request depending on their project's timeline. As project tasks are completed and paid for, Grantees can submit for reimbursement. Per Section 5.4 (GDA Terms and Conditions) It is expected that the project will be fully completed and all payment requisitions will be processed and paid by December 31, 2029. No extensions will be permitted. Any 4CFP funds not disbursed by this date may be made available for future 4CFP funding opportunities.
Grant Disbursement Agreement	In terms of remaining open for 8 year if awarded the fund, I'm aware that the DOE hasn't been easily giving contract to sites what if the DOE doesn't give an 8 year contract to the center?	Per the 4CFP RFA, Section 2.5 (Eligible Projects), Section 5.3 (Grant Disbursement Agreement), and Section 5.5 (Requisition of Funds), the child care program must be in operation for a minimum of eight years after the completion of the grant funded project. Additionally, any applicant that leases their project location must include, with their application, a lease with a term of at least eight years remaining at the time of application.
Grant Disbursement Agreement	The total cost of my project is approximately \$2.7 million. Under the terms of the lease agreement, a portion of the construction costs (approximately \$900,000) will be reimbursed by the landlord over time in divided installments, Please advise whether the project remains eligible for the Child Care Construction Grant and how such phased reimbursements should be treated for eligibility and reimbursement purposes.	Per Section 2.4 of the 4CFP RFA, no construction costs identified within the lease as the responsibility of the landlord entity are eligible for reimbursement with 4CFP funds. Likewise, any tenant improvement costs cannot be included within the lease payment structure. These would be ineligible for reimbursement with grant funds. 4CFP funding must be used for the primary benefit of the Applicant's eligible child care program. Therefore, improvements to leased real property will be evaluated carefully to determine whether the landlord and other organizations or the Applicant will be the primary beneficiary of the expenditure of grant funds. If at any point in the process, in DASNY's sole discretion, it determines that the Applicant is not the primary beneficiary, the Application will no longer be deemed qualified, and the funding opportunity will be forfeited. Additionally, in order to be eligible for reimbursement, all capital costs must be incurred by the applicant and must be paid from the applicant's own account. Invoices billed to other entities or costs incurred by others will not be reimbursed.
Grant Disbursement Agreement	What are SEQR and Financial Review expectations if we apply for construction already completed (after 4/1/2025)?	Per Section 2.3 (Ineligible Entities) and Section 5.2 (Prerequisites) of the 4CFP RFA, all awardees are required to meet DASNY's Financial and SEQR review requirements prior to obtaining a Grant Disbursement Agreement regardless of their construction timeline, including projects that have already been completed.
Other	Are the proposals/building plan estimates need to be prevailing wage?	While prevailing wage is not a specific requirement of 4CFP, every awardee is required to follow their own procurement policies and procedures, as well as all applicable local and state regulations and laws at all times.
Other	If awarded the grant, what does such an amount do for my taxes?	Applicants with concerns about tax implications of the receipt of grant funds should consult their organization's attorney and/or tax preparer.
Other	If part of our project was already completed (after 4/1/2025) - how do we fulfill MWBE if construction was already finished?	Please see Appendix 5, sample Grant Disbursement Agreement, for more information on MWBE participation.
Other	Is the 4CFP anticipated to be offered on a recurring basis (e.g., annually or every few years), or is this expected to be a limited or one-time funding opportunity?	At this time we have no knowledge of any future funding that may be allocated toward construction for child care facilities. Please continue to check the OCFS website for future grant opportunities
Other	Our facility will be a new project. Not a lot of funds in reserve. Would that affect the decision? We are struggling financially	Per Section 2.6 (Project Budget) of the 4CFP RFA, All applicants must demonstrate how their project will be fully funded. All prospective applicants should note that if awarded, they would be required to not only fully complete their proposed project by December 2029, but also operate their child care program for a minimum of 8 years after the capital project has been completed, which is defined as six months after the receipt of the Certificate of Occupancy. Failure to meet these terms after the award would result in the forfeiture of the grant award, Failure to comply after receipt of funds could require full repayment of any grant funds disbursed to the awardee.
Other	What time is the Applicant Webinar on December 10th and how is it accessed?	The 4CFP Informational Webinar was posted to the OCFS and DASNY websites.

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Other	Will OCFS consider partially funding projects? For example, if I request \$5M but only \$2M is available, will OCFS consider awarding the lower amount?	Applicants are required to identify a specific amount of 4CFP grant funding requested on their application in addition to fully completing the project budget section of the application. Per the 4CFP RFA section 1.3, 4CFP Grant awards will range from a minimum of \$500,000 to a maximum of \$5,000,000. There are regional and programmatic funding targets, but these are dependent upon the makeup of the applicant pool and the final scores of the eligible Applications. OCFS and DASNY reserve the authority to adjust funding breakdowns based upon the actual Applications received and the results of the scoring and review process. Lastly, after an award has been made, DASNY and OCFS reserve the right to reduce the awarded 4CFP amount to reflect the total amount of capital eligible costs.
Other	Will we be required to install a project sign, either during construction or upon project completion?	Specific signage displays are not currently required. If that were to change at some point in the future, it would be addressed with 4CFP awardees directly.
Project Location	Can I rent a place in a legal school?	Per Section 2.4 (Eligible Project Locations) of the 4CFP RFA, programs operated at schools, either public or non-public, are excluded from the grant unless the Applicant has a segregated leased space and is the primary beneficiary of the project. Per Section 2.8 (Ineligible Project Costs) rent is an ineligible project cost.
Project Location	Can you use the grant to secure a new daycare center	Per Section 2.8 (Ineligible Project Costs) of the 4CFP RFA, the acquisition of real property is not eligible for reimbursement under this RFA.
Project Location	For all leased Project Location, regardless of applicant type .... the lease or rental agreement must show that it is in effect for at least eight (8) years..(page 12). would someone be eligible if its a new lease on a Tenant-Controlled Build-Out.	Per Section 2.2 (Eligible Entities), Section 2.4 (Eligible Project Locations), and Section 2.5 (Eligible Projects) of the 4CFP RFA, the Applicant must be the child care provider, the entity undertaking the project, the entity entering into the contracts for the work to be performed, the entity paying for the costs of the project, and the entity that has site control over the project location.
Project Location	My child care center rents space from a church. The building is becoming unsafe for the children we serve due to inconsistent heating and cooling systems. We have also had issues with the plumbing. Does this grant allow us to pursue this grant being a tenant of the church?	Please review Section 2.4 (Eligible Project Locations) of the 4CFP RFA for information regarding project locations owned by religious organizations.
Project Location	Our organization owns the building where we operate multiple programs...a day care center, Article 16 clinic and day habilitation program. The percentage of building occupancy is day care center at 57.6%, Article 16 at 31.6%, and day habilitation at 10.8%. If we should apply for a new roof, HVAC or generator, would we only ask for 57.62% of the expense or, because the building is occupied by multiple programs, are these expenses no longer eligible?	Per Section 2.4 (Eligible Project Locations) of the 4CFP RFA, 4CFP funding must be used for the primary benefit of the Applicant's eligible child care program. Organizations that operate more than one program must demonstrate how the Applicant's eligible child care program, and not any of its ineligible programs, will receive the primary benefit of funds awarded through the 4CFP grant. For example, if an organization shares a building with other businesses or organizations, the organization cannot apply to replace the roof of the entire building. If at any point in the process, and at its sole discretion, DASNY determines that the Applicant is not the primary beneficiary, the Application will no longer be deemed qualified, and the funding opportunity will be forfeited.
Project Timeline	At what point in the process must be the project be "shovel ready"? What is the criteria for "shovel ready"?	As stated in Section 2.1 (Definitions) of the 4CFP RFA, shovel ready means the project is at the stage where construction can begin. Per Section 2.5 (Eligible Projects), projects must be shovel ready at the time of application.
Project Timeline	Can you clarify the time frame for "shovel ready"? Does that mean at the time of application, construction should be ready to begin?	As stated in Section 2.1 (Definitions) of the 4CFP RFA, shovel ready means the project is at the stage where construction can begin. Per Section 2.5 (Eligible Projects), projects must be shovel ready at the time of application.
Project Timeline	Do you anticipate there being awards that will be announced later than May 4th?	Per Section 5.1 (Issuance of Award Letters) of the 4CFP RFA- Awards will be announced <b>no earlier</b> than May 4, 2026. An actual date of the award announcement is yet to be determined and could be later than May 4, 2026.
Project Timeline	Following a full renovation and temporary closure or relocation, what inspections or approvals are required prior to reopening the renovated facility?	Per Section 2.5 (Eligible Projects) of the 4CFP RFA, Applicants must demonstrate the ability to obtain all necessary approvals and licenses/registrations/permits to operate the Child Care Program within six months of the date the Certificate of Occupancy is issued upon completion of the construction project. Per Section 3.3 (Submit Application) of the 4CFP RFA, if the Applicant is opening a new child care program, they are encouraged to contact the child care licensing office to discuss licensing/registration/permitted requirements so that plans reflect these requirements.
Project Timeline	I would like to see the timeline for a grant like this to be expanded. It seems that the only people that will be able to take advantage of this are ones that have a project already planned. Making expansions to an existing program, starting up a new school take significant amount of time. How does this program having an application period in the next 3 months (with an award announcement in May) allow programs to effectively plan for a potential grant of \$5m?	4CFP was created to address a current need for child care capacity across New York State. The timeline of the 4CFP RFA was developed to address the priority of the program's sponsors to provide funding to construction ready projects. The intent of the RFA's timeline is to ensure the available funding is awarded to those programs that can complete their construction projects and be open and operating as soon as possible.
Project Timeline	If the project goes overbudget and the agency does not have the funding to cover the additional expenses can we make changes in the project? And if we can make changes in the architectural plans how does this impact this funding?	Per Section 5.1 (Issuance of Award Letters) of the 4CFP RFA, due to the competitive nature of the award, changes to the project scope and/or project location will not be permitted at any point in the grant administration process. Per Section 2.6 (Project Budget), a Grant Disbursement Agreement cannot be entered into unless all funding commitments are secured, in writing (2.6); Per Section 5.1 (Issuance of Award Letters), if the GDA is not entered into within 12 months after issuance of the award letter, the award will be forfeited and funds returned to the 4CFP pool to be made available to the next successive qualifying applicant.

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Project Timeline	On page 24 of the instructions, it says that the Award Letter will expire in 12 months but the instructions also say you have until 2029 to complete the project and spend the funds. Can you explain this?	Per Section 5.1 (Issuance of Award Letters) of the 4CFP RFA, due to the anticipated high demand of 4CFP funding and in keeping with the intent to invest in time sensitive projects, all 4CFP Awardees are expected to fully comply with the program requirements and complete all required reviews within twelve months from the date of their 4CFP Award Letter. The Award letter is not meant to constitute a commitment to provide funds and funds are not secured until an Awardee receives a fully executed Grant Disbursement Agreement. Once an Awardee receives a fully executed Grant Disbursement Agreement, they will have until December 31, 2029 to complete their proposed project and draw down the award funds.
Project Timeline	Once the paperwork for the GDA is submitted how long will it take for the GDA to be fully executed? Can it be earlier than 12 months?	Please review Section Five of the 4CFP RFA (Advancement and Grant Disbursement Agreement). The GDA could be fully executed sooner than 12 months from the date of the Award Letter, based on DASNY's completion of the required reviews.
Project Timeline	Our project includes an offsite modular building – which won't be delivered right away but will require deposits and payments along the way. When can we receive reimbursement for these costs?	As outlined in the 4CFP FAQs, funds may only be used to pay for work actually undertaken and completed (or materials received at the project site) specifically for the approved Project at the project location. Grantee's are able to submit for reimbursement of a down payment or deposit once the materials are on site at the project location and or the work has been completed. Usually when the contractor bills the Grantee for the balance of the job.
Project Timeline	The FAQ's recommend not starting the project until the GDA is fully executed but the Instructions say you can incur reimbursable expenses starting April 1st – can you explain the difference?	Because no 4CFP funds can be disbursed until an Awardee receives a fully executed Grant Disbursement Agreement signed by both their organization and DASNY, applicants are encouraged not to incur costs until they know they can submit for reimbursement. Once a fully executed Grant Disbursement Agreement is in place, eligible capital costs incurred after April 1, 2025, but before the GDA is executed could be eligible for reimbursement.
Project Timeline	The Grant Instructions on page 15 say that all estimates should be dated no earlier than April 1st but we need the estimates now in order to establish a budget to submit with the application. How would that work?	Per Section 2.6 (Project Budget) of the 4CFP RFA, all estimates should be on contractor or vendor company letterhead and dated no earlier than April 1, 2025.
Project Timeline	The instructions say we must show we have funding for the whole project. We have been nominated for a grant through the State through local and state assemblyman. We are in the process of submitting all the paperwork for this grant which will also go towards this project. Can we enter into a GDA with this nomination or do we need an actual award letter for this other grant funding?	If other grants are being used towards the project, in order for the funds to be considered secured, the grant award letters, agreements or contracts should be submitted with the 4CFP Application. If an Applicant does not have these when applying, they should be submit other evidence of additional funding in lieu of the grant(s) as they await award letters, agreements, or contracts. In addition, potential applicants should ensure their alternate sources of funding have no restrictions limiting or prohibiting their use in conjunction with 4CFP funding. Some State funding programs require a match that cannot be from other State funding sources. Others, like NICIP, prohibit the combining of their funds with any other State funding.
Project Timeline	We recently (July 2025) had a new roof and HVAC system put on our day care center building. Your RFP states that eligible expenses can date back to April 2025. If the majority of our expenses are items that have already been completed, does that reduce our chances of being funded?	Per Section 2.6 (Project Budget) of the 4CFP RFA, paid invoices evidencing payment of costs by the applicant cannot be incurred before April 1, 2025 in order to be considered eligible project costs. Per Section 2.7 (Eligible Project Costs), costs cannot have been incurred before April 1, 2025. Please see Appendix 3- Scoring Matrix- for information as to how applications will be reviewed and scored.
Project Timeline	We want to confirm that costs can't be incurred before April 1st. And that we will be reimbursed for costs incurred between April 1st and the date we receive the award letter.	Per Section 2.6 (Project Budget) of the 4CFP RFA, paid invoices evidencing payment of costs by the applicant cannot be incurred before April 1, 2025 in order to be considered eligible project costs. Per Section 2.7 (Eligible Project Costs), costs cannot have been incurred before April 1, 2025. Costs incurred after April 1, 2025 must be deemed capital and eligible in order to be reimbursed with 4CFP funds.
Project Timeline	What is the process and timeline if we choose to have the contractor “paid by invoice”?	Payment requisitions, whether standard reimbursement or Payment on Invoice have an estimated timeline between submission and payment within 6 weeks. Incomplete submissions or inclusion of ineligible costs could lengthen that timeline. Any fees or interest charged are the responsibility of the organization and are ineligible for 4CFP funding. If an organization intends to utilize Payment on Invoice, they may wish to negotiate a longer repayment term with their prospective contractors. Please also refer to the 4CFP FAQs for additional guidance on the Payment on Invoice process.
Scoring/Review Process	"Special Characteristics" - What is considered supporting documentation to show current client population?	Supporting documentation may include the details of a community needs assessment that was conducted and a summary of the findings. Supporting documents may also include demographic data and social and economic changes that may be of significance to the target community's need for a child care.
Scoring/Review Process	Are application scored on a first-come, first served basis or are they all scored when the application period closes?	Per Section 4 (Evaluation) of the 4CFP RFA, all applications will be reviewed for eligibility and scored after the application window has closed.
Scoring/Review Process	Is this a first-come, first-served application process?	Per Section 4 (Evaluation) of the 4CFP RFA, all applications will be reviewed for eligibility and scored after the application window has closed.
Scoring/Review Process	Can costs for site prep, architectural, engineering, be incurred before 4/1 as long as it is not part of the proposed budget?	If these costs are relevant to the 4CFP funded project, they should be included on the budget. However, per Section 2.6 (Project Budget) and Section 2.7 (Eligible Project Costs) of the 4CFP RFA, costs that were incurred prior to 4/1/2025 are not eligible to be funded by 4CFP and will not be reimbursed.
Scoring/Review Process	Does OCFS/DASNY prefer full-scope renovations completed at once, or phased renovations over time, and how should this be reflected in the application narrative and budget?	If the 4CFP grant will be utilized for a phase of an overall project, it must be clear in the application that the phase is a standalone project with a recognized capital asset upon completion. Grantees can begin to submit for reimbursement as project tasks are completed once they have a fully executed Grant Disbursement Agreement.



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Scoring/Review Process	For capital construction projects, what level of design development is preferred at the time of application (e.g., conceptual layout vs. schematic design)?	Applicants must be able to demonstrate construction feasibility as defined as having the authority to undertake a project at a designated location, the funds necessary to complete the project and the ability to obtain the required permits needed for construction. Must verify the estimated costs of their proposed project with professional cost estimates and they can ensure the project is fully funded. This does not necessarily require all designs to be 100% complete.
Scoring/Review Process	Funding Sources – is a bank statement the only acceptable document to show secured and committed funds to the project? What about commitment letters? LOC approval letter?	Section 2.6 (Project Budget) of the 4CFP RFA outlines the acceptable documentation for the different funding types.
Scoring/Review Process	I am aware of the new program, but I have noted that the eligible entities appear to be different (non-profit vs. for-profit), and the project timing requirements also seem to differ from our original application. Furthermore, the recent webinar made it clear that approximately \$5 million from the previous Child Care Capital Program remains unallocated. Given this, is there an appeals process and any possibility of having our original application reviewed and scored, as it met the eligibility requirements under the previous program terms?	No, all applications received for 4CFP will be scored using the current RFA requirements. Please review the full RFA for all eligibility criteria.
Scoring/Review Process	In #3 of the Financial Review section of the scoring matrix, it says that 10 points are awarded based on bank statements provided showing that the organization has committed funds to the project in an account under its legal name. We are a municipality and the additional funds to complete the project would come from the sale of general obligation bonds. We normally provide evidence that funds have been allocated in the municipal budget to DASNY as proof that projects are/would be fully funded. Is this kind of documentation acceptable instead of bank statements? (The project costs that we would submit for reimbursement to DASNY would not require any long-term debt financing or bond sales, only the applicant share would be bond-financed.)	A dedicated line in a municipal budget for the proposed project would be acceptable verification of funds. If a bond is being used to pay for project costs above the 4CFP grant amount, a Bond Resolution by the governing board can be submitted, but it would not be considered the same as the actual official statement of the bond issuance when assigning points. The bond issuance and the funding line in the enacted municipal budget are equal to a bank account statement in verifying the funds are actually at the disposal of the applicant. The Resolution to issue bonds at a later date are similar to a pledge of funds or the anticipation of a future grant award. These show the possibility of available funding where the account statement, municipal budget line and bond issuance statement show proof the funds are available and in the possession of the applicant today.
Scoring/Review Process	Our project is located in a tract that the OCFS Child Care Desert maps shows as “No Desert”. We are concerned the map’s tract-based designation does not reflect documented demand generated by the NYS Thruway/I-90 corridor and adjacent employment centers (including major distribution/logistics facilities neighboring the site) that draw a commuting workforce through and into our service area. For scoring purposes, will OCFS reviewers consider demonstrated child care needs that are driven by regional commuting patterns and a defined service area that extends beyond the project’s census tract, when the project tract is designated “No Desert”? If yes, what documentation and geographic framing does OCFS recommend (for example, service-area definition, commuting data, employer letters, utilization/waitlists) to support that need in a way that can affect scoring under the Desert Level or REDC Desert Level criteria, or otherwise be credited during review?	No, per Section 4.2 (Selection Criteria) of the 4CFP RFA, The Child Care Desert map is based on the following data sources: child care capacity data for licensed child care providers (excluding School Age Child Care Programs) from Child Care Facility System, August 2025 ; child care capacity data for permitted day care centers in New York City data extracted from Open Data NYC, August 2025. Please refer to Appendix 3, Scoring Matrix, for more information on the number of points received based on Desert Levels.
Scoring/Review Process	The proposed project is located in a census tract with a low OCFS Child Care Desert score but is sited within an affordable housing development serving 100% ESSHI-qualifying, formerly homeless populations, which may be underrepresented in general census data. While the Project Impact questions capture the value of such a project at some level (several points), there is comparatively a stronger weight given to the census tract analysis which penalizes our project by an estimated 12 points just based on the tract level analysis. Will DASNY provide special consideration or alternative scoring mechanisms for projects serving such specific, highly vulnerable populations when assessing the 'child care desert' criterion?	No, per Section 4.2 (Selection Criteria) of the 4CFP RFA, The Child Care Desert map is based on the following data sources: child care capacity data for licensed child care providers (excluding School Age Child Care Programs) from Child Care Facility System, August 2025 ; child care capacity data for permitted day care centers in New York City data extracted from Open Data NYC, August 2025. Please refer to Appendix 3, Scoring Matrix, for more information on the number of points received based on Desert Levels.