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Renovation expansion grants to help expand infant, preschool spaces: Ewasko

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The governments of Canada and Manitoba are allocating \$13.5 million to help child-care centres expand infant and preschool spaces through the 2023-24 Renovation Expansion Grant, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning Minister Wayne Ewasko announced today.

"The Renovation Expansion Grant encourages facilities to invest in existing infrastructure and expand site capacity with additional infant or preschool spaces that will be sustainable for years to come," said Ewasko. "Our government's investments are already making a difference in communities with centres that have received this funding since 2021. By continuing to offer this grant, existing operators will be able to help more families access affordable child care, which supports our commitment to develop 23,000 affordable, accessible, highquality and inclusive child-care spaces by 2026 under the Canada-Manitoba Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement."

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The Manitoba government estimates the funding will create up to an additional 450 spaces for children under the age of seven, Ewasko noted, adding that funding provided through the grant will support renovation, administrative and programming costs to create new spaces.

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