## Increasing access to affordable child care 11

A new \$53-million grant will create even more high-quality, affordable child-care spaces for the province.

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Alberta's government and the Government of Canada are investing \$53 million over two years in the Building Blocks Capital Grant Program to encourage the creation of new child-care spaces. The funds will help Alberta's child-care providers create more affordable, high-quality spaces where Alberta families need them most.

The grant will provide non-profit and public child-care providers the capital to build, expand, upgrade and make repairs to their existing facilities. These improvements must support the creation of new child-care spaces.

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The Building Blocks program will offer two grant streams: major capital and minor capital projects.

- Major capital grants: For projects that cost \$500,000 or more and may include new construction of a child-care facility, building expansions, substantial upgrades and the purchase, assembly, installation and delivery of a modular building structure.
- Minor capital grants: For projects that cost less than \$500,000 and may include interior and exterior renovations, upgrades, repairs, refurbishment or improvements without changes to the structure in a new or existing building.

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