

CDD-SAG-10-05-23 – ADDENDUM 1
Special Accommodation Grant

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TO ALL OFFERORS:

This Addendum consists of two (2) pages. All changes are denoted in bold type.

BACKGROUND & PURPOSE:

The Vermont Department for Children and Families' (DCF) mission is to foster the healthy development, safety, well-being, and self-sufficiency of Vermonters. The Department is structured around six Divisions that deliver programs and services to Vermonters; one of those Divisions is the Child Development Division (CDD). CDD's goal is to increase access to high-quality, sustainable services that are developmentally beneficial for children, strengthen families, and meet their needs, in partnership with families, communities, schools, providers and state and federal agencies.

One of the ways that CDD works towards this goal is through the Special Accommodation Grant Program, which provides financial support to high-quality child-care programs to support the safe and successful inclusion of a child or a group of children with identified special needs in their program. The Program funds are intended to cover any gap left after all entitled or eligible services are provided for the child(ren).

Through this Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) the Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families, Child Development Division is seeking to award grants to one (1) or more Vermont Licensed Specialized Child Care Programs to support a child or children's safe and successful inclusion within the child care program through the purchase of adaptive equipment, materials, consultation or training(s) for childcare staff specific to the child(ren)'s needs, and/or hiring of an individual assistant to support the child(ren)'s needs.

The following changes are being made:

1. On page 5, Section 2.2.2. Scoring Criteria, the title of 2.2.2.1 is changed from Expulsion to **Enrollment** and the title of 2.2.2.3 is changed from Diagnosis to **Child's Plan**.
2. In Attachment A, page 10, part B. Service Description, the paragraph is revised to read the following:

The Subrecipient may hire, train, and supervise an individual assistant, purchase equipment or materials as identified in the application, and/or purchase consultation or training, to support the safe and successful inclusion of an identified child or identified children with specialized needs in maintaining or increasing access to their child care program.

3. In Attachment A, page 11, item 5, delete **EMTSS** and change *individual child in care* to **individual child or children in care**.
4. In Attachment A, page 11, item 6, the following link is added to the end of the paragraph:
<https://hipaa.jotform.com/build/230395469549066>
5. In Attachment A, page 11, item 7, the following link is added to the end of the paragraph:

<https://form.jotform.com/230395588836067>

6. In Attachment A, page 11, item 8, the following link is added to the end of the paragraph:

<https://form.jotform.com/230873562482057>

7. In Attachment B, page 14, item 3, at the end of the first sentence add the following after *State*:
including (if applicable) training title, hours, instructor information and receipts from purchase of equipment or materials.

END OF ADDENDUM #1