

CDD-SAG 08-20-24 – ADDENDUM 1
Special Accommodation Grant

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TO ALL OFFERORS:

This Addendum consists of one (1) page.

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 to the RFGA:

1. On page 5, Section 2.3.4. Scoring Criteria, delete "Programs that score between 48-60 points will be considered eligible for award funding if they also meet the eligibility criteria" and replace with "Programs scoring between 40 and 60 points will be considered eligible for a funding award if they also meet eligibility criteria. Programs applying for equipment and/or training only do not need a minimum scoring threshold to be eligible, if they also meet eligibility criteria."

END OF ADDENDUM #1