

# SMALL CENTER FACILITIES FUND PROGRESS REPORT

## Total Funds Allocated

Total Grant Amount: \$500,000

Total Expenditures to Date: \$295,000

Funds Pending: \$180,000

## Impact on Child Care Capacity

Total Child Care Slots Created: 224

- Bend: 151
- Redmond: 45
- Sisters: 5
- La Pine: 23

Anticipated Child Care Slots: 145

- Bend: 79
- Redmond: 38
- La Pine: 6
- Terrebonne: 2

# Bright Adventures Preschool, LLC



Program Information	
City	Redmond
Address	119 SW 7 <sup>th</sup> St
Pre Project Licensed Capacity	16
Scope of Work: Increased Capacity	18
Total Licensed Capacity	34
Approved Budget	\$40,000
Project Summary	Bright Adventures Preschool increased their capacity by changing the Type of Care from a Certified Family Child Care to a Certified Center. Bright Adventures Preschool opened the Center in October of 2022. Jessica incurred staffing costs associated with this increase as she hired five more employees.

Program Testimonial
<p>“Receiving this grant marks a monumental milestone for our program, unlocking a wave of opportunities to elevate and revitalize key aspects that have long been dormant due to inadequate funding. Through this generous support, we have been able to address crucial areas that will undoubtedly enhance the overall quality of our program. First and foremost, we have diligently allocated resources to elevate the compensation of our dedicated educators, recognizing their unwavering commitment with well-deserved salary increases—a long overdue recognition for their tireless efforts. Many of our teachers have persevered without a raise since our expansion, making this adjustment all the more impactful and meaningful. Additionally, the acquisition of a commercial-grade dishwasher stands as a pivotal enhancement, enabling us to efficiently cater to the needs of our esteemed Baby Promise program. This essential addition not only streamlines our operations but also underscores our unwavering dedication to providing top-notch services and facilities for our families. Moreover, our commitment to creating a stimulating and safe learning environment for our young learners extends to the procurement of new toys, injecting a sense of joy and excitement into their daily experiences. Furthermore, we have exciting plans underway to replace the worn carpet in our two classes, fostering a fresh and inviting space that fosters growth and exploration. In addition, we are</p>

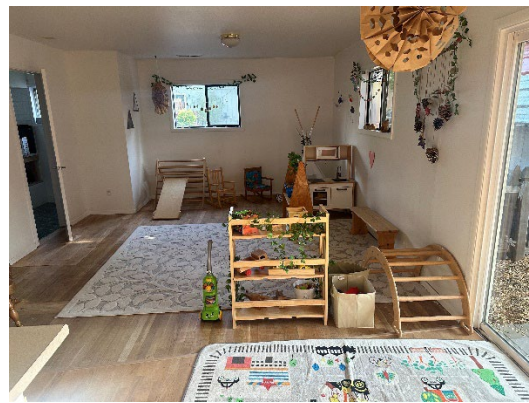
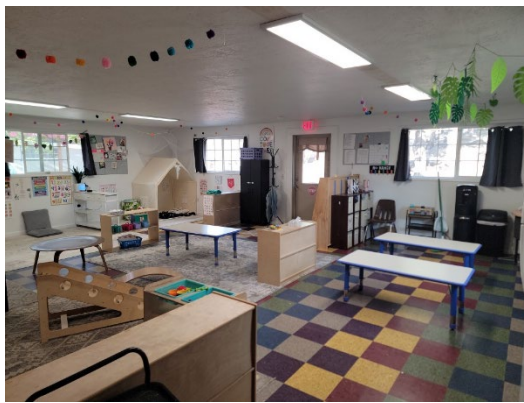
able to utilize the remaining funds to break ground for a new playground. By affording the opportunity to tear down our storage space and creating a larger area for our children, we are set to embark on an exciting venture that will further enrich the educational and recreational experiences for our students. This new playground will serve as a vibrant hub of activity, sparking creativity, and fostering physical development in a dynamic outdoor setting. This grant has ignited a transformative journey for our program, propelling us towards a future brimming with possibility and promise. We wholeheartedly embrace the opportunity to innovate, grow, and enrich the lives of those we serve, all thanks to the invaluable support of this grant.”- Jessica Coatney, Owner of Bright Adventures Preschool

# The Stepping Stone Preschool



Program Information	
City	Redmond
Address	3055 SW 28 <sup>th</sup> Ct.
Pre-Expansion Licensed Capacity	15
Scope of Work: Increased Capacity	1
Total Licensed Capacity	16
Approved Budget	\$5,000
Project Summary	Stepping Stone Preschool opened in May of 2018. By 2023, they increased their licensed capacity from 15 to 16 by adding a second bathroom in their child care program. Per licensing regulations (OAR 414-350-0140 2a), Certified Family Child Care homes “must have a second flush toilet someone in the facility if; there are more than 15 children in care.” By adding the second toilet, Stepping Stone Preschool was able to successfully increase her capacity from 15 to 16.

# Active Learning Academy



Program #1	
City	Bend
Address	2535 NE Studio Rd
Pre-Expansion Licensed Capacity	70
Scope of Work: Increased Capacity	20
Total Licensed Capacity	90
Approved Budget	\$40,000
Project Summary	Jennifer Gordon opened her doors in January of 2022. By adding 2 additional classrooms and updating flooring and handwashing sinks in classrooms, she increased to 90.

Program #2	
City	Bend
Address	702 NE Norton Ave
Pre-Licensed Capacity	0
Scope of Work: Increased Capacity	49
Total Licensed Capacity	49
Approved Budget	\$40,000
Project Summary	Jennifer opened a second location with a total capacity of 49 child care slots 09/13/2022. They completed their renovations, 4 classrooms, in September of 2022.

Program #3	
City	Bend
Address	2525 NE Studio Rd
Pre-Licensed Capacity	0
Scope of Work: Increased Capacity	49
Total Licensed Capacity	49
Approved Budget	\$40,000
Project Summary	Jennifer opened her third location with a total licensed capacity of 49. Expenses incurred included staffing costs, materials, and renovations. They have been licensed as of 09/16/2023.

Program Testimonial
Active Learning Academy expanded their original location at 2535 NE Studio Rd in Bend. The program opened in January of 2022. In 2024, they expanded by 20 child care slots by adding two additional classrooms and handwashing sinks to classrooms with the use of their funding. Additionally, they upgraded all bathrooms and flooring. They increased to a total licensed capacity of 90. Active Learning Academy continued to expand by opening to new program locations at the end of 2022. One program opened at 702 NE Norton Ave and another at 2525 NE Studio Rd in Bend. Both were licensed as certified centers with a licensed capacity of 49 at each location. Active Learning Academy benefitted through reimbursement of staffing costs at both locations.

# Mountain Montessori



Program Information	
City	Sisters
Address	104 E Adams Ave
Pre-Expansion Licensed Capacity	25
Scope of Work: Increased Capacity	5
Total Licensed Capacity	30
Approved Budget	\$20,000
Project Summary	Mountain Montessori opened in Sisters in August 2015. The expansion project was completed in December 2023 by increasing square footage of the facility using an old storage room, transformed into a reading room. New staffing was also required to meet teacher/ratio requirements.

Program Testimonial	
<p>Mountain Montessori successfully completed their expansion project in December 2023. They transformed an old storage room into a dedicated reading room, allowing them to increase their facilities square footage and enhanced the learning environment for their students. The project enriched their space and allowed them to add new staff members to meet teacher-to-student ratio requirements, ensuring each child receives individualized attention. They are grateful to expand care to their community that benefits from increased quality child care.</p>	

# The Nanny Studio



Program Information	
City	Bend
Address	1213 NE 8 <sup>th</sup> Street
Pre-Expansion Licensed Capacity	10
Scope of Work: Increased Capacity	6
Total Licensed Capacity	16
Approved Budget	\$10,000
Project Summary	The Nanny Studio opened in February 2021 with a total licensed capacity of 10 as a Certified Family Child Care program. The expansion project required up-front funds to transform her basement into the new child care space, increase her square footage to accommodate more children.

Program Testimonial	
<p>The Nanny Studio recently expanded through transforming the basement of their program into new classrooms. Their commitment to providing quality care for the youngest community members through focusing on infants and toddlers. Their project has significantly increased their square footage allowing them to accommodate more children. The Nanny Studio employes certifies staff and maintain low ratios to ensure that each child receives the attention they deserve. Their goal was to support the workforce by creating additional space for children and providing parents with quality care to make a positive impact on our communities.</p>	



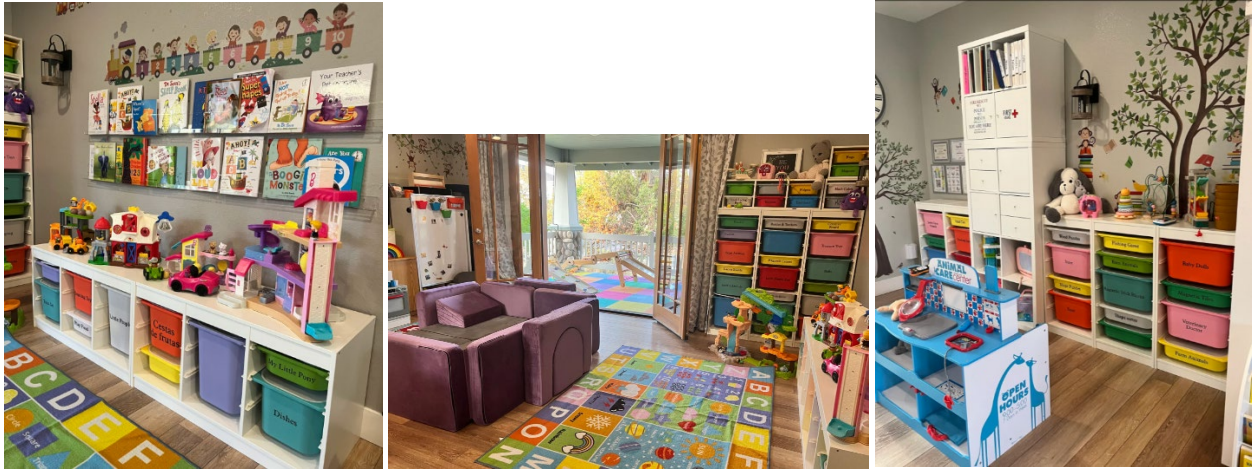
# Little Seba's Preschool LLC



Program Information	
City	Bend
Address	1535 NE Meister Pl
Pre-Expansion Licensed Capacity	10
Scope of Work: Increased Capacity	6
Total Licensed Capacity	16
Approved Budget	\$10,000
Project Summary	Little Seba's Preschool opened as a Registered Family Child Care licensed program in 2023. To expand their capacity, they changed their license type to a Certified Family Child Care program. Fencing was required to meet licensing requirements. New staff, supplies, and materials were required to care for 16 children.

Program Testimonial	
<p>Little Seba's Preschool successfully expanded its licensed capacity by becoming a Certified Family Child Care Home. To support this growth, they have hired an additional lead teacher, enabling them to maintain low student-to-teacher ratios that facilitate personalized care for each child. This expansion created additional slots for infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children. Thanks to grant funding, their program has grown and upheld its commitment to providing individualized, high-quality care for every unique child in the community.</p>	

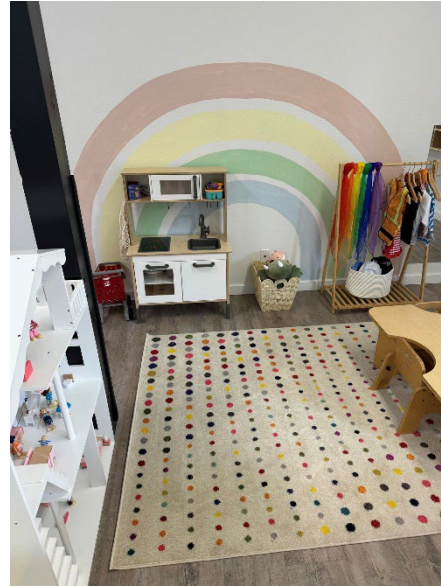
# Village Childcare LLC



Program Information	
City	Redmond
Address	2480 SW 37 <sup>th</sup>
Pre-Expansion Licensed Capacity	10
Scope of Work: Increased Capacity	6
Total Licensed Capacity	16
Approved Budget	\$10,000
Project Summary	Village Childcare LLC has been operating with a Registered Family Child Care license since. To expand license capacity to 16 they were required to change their license type to Certified Family Child Care. Meeting licensing requirements for this change included new fencing and updates to outdoor playground.

Program Testimonial	
<p>Village Childcare opened as a Registered Family Child Care Home in February 2023. By July of 2024, Village Childcare expanded their licensed capacity to 16 by becoming a Certified Family Child Care. The program strives to offer high quality services that nurture children’s development by providing care to meet individual needs. Caregiver-to-child ratios are 1 to 8 allowing for individualized attention to each child in care. Village Childcare is excited to expand their quality services to the community with the support of the grant and offering play-based methods that encourage each child’s unique journey that lays the foundation for their future.</p>	

# Sweet Pea Learning Center



Program Information	
City	La Pine
Address	16530 1 <sup>st</sup> St
Pre-Expansion Licensed Capacity	0
Scope of Work: Increased Capacity	23
Total Licensed Capacity	23
Approved Budget	\$40,000
Project Summary	Sweet Pea Learning Center has opened a new center in La Pine. To open their doors, they had to secure a building, purchase new supplies and materials, hire new staffing, and to meet all licensing requirements.

Program Testimonial	
<p>“Without the Small Center grant, Sweet Pea Learning Center La Pine would not exist! As a mom, high-quality, safe childcare, is the most important thing for our children. Early intervention can change the lives of our youth. We are so excited, that in partnership with the Small Center’s grant, we get to have a positive and life-long impact on the lives of our smallest people in Deschutes County. The grant has made it possible to bring high-quality childcare over the mountain from the valley, and give 23 more childcare slots to a desolate childcare place. We are so excited for the work to be done in our community!”</p>	

# Vet Cadets Childcare



Program Information	
City	Bend
Address	62889 NE Oxford Ct
Pre-Expansion Licensed Capacity	0
Scope of Work: Increased Capacity	21
Total Licensed Capacity	21
Approved Budget	\$40,000
Project Summary	Vet Cadets Childcare is a new center in Bend. They opened their doors in February of 2024. Start up costs included all new supplies, materials, furnishing, and hiring new staff.

Program Testimonial
Vet Cadets Childcare unique model is a first of its kind center which operates inside a veterinary emergency and specialty hospital. Since opening their doors in February 2024, Vet Cadets Childcare in Bend has been dedicated to supporting the community by providing discounted child care services for the employees of Veterinary Referral Center of Central Oregon, as well as local families with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Funding is instrumental in growth, enhancement of the environments, and hiring skilled staff dedicated to creating a nurturing environment.

# Revillage



Program Information	
City	Bend
Address	2265 Shevlin Park Rd
Pre-Expansion Licensed Capacity	0
Scope of Work: Increased Capacity	57
Total Proposed Licensed Capacity	57
Approved Budget	\$40,000
Project Summary	Revillage is opening a third location in Bend to expand child care services to the community. They project they will open September 2024. The center is opening multiple classrooms and will allow care for ages 6 weeks to preschool-aged.

Program Testimonial
<p>Revillage proudly opened their third location in Bend, expanding their commitment to providing affordable, accessible, and equitable child care to the community. Their unique co-op model allows families to contribute to the care of children by volunteering once a week in exchange for receiving affordable, full-time child care the rest of the week. This innovative approach not only fosters a sense of community among families but helps maintain low cost child care. Revillage thrives from donations and grant funding, reducing barriers to care and ensuring that services remain affordable and equitable for all families regardless of income, race, language, orientation, identity, culture, and background. Revillage has been able to expand child care to the community for ages 6 weeks to 5 years of age. They are grateful for support that enables them to make a meaningful impact in the lives of families in our community.</p>

# Sunshine Academy



Program Information	
City	Bend
Address	2891 NE Connors Ave
Pre-Expansion Licensed Capacity	84
Scope of Work: Increased Capacity	106
Total Proposed Licensed Capacity	106
Approved Budget	\$40,000
Project Summary	Sunshine Academy was approved through licensing to expand their capacity to 106. They created multiple new classrooms that would add square footage for additional children. They installed a gate to close off an open area upstairs to create a new classroom space for preschool and created three new infant and toddler classrooms to increase their capacity.

Program Testimonial
Sunshine Academy opened their doors in October 2023. They are thrilled to have successfully increased their capacity to 106 children by adding new classrooms designed specifically for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Their commitment to providing stimulating and enriching educational programs ensures that every child is encouraged to grow and develop into the best version of themselves. Funding has been invaluable in supporting their expansion. It has allowed Sunshine Academy to hire the necessary staff to maintain their high standards of care and to create engaging learning environments that foster curiosity and creativity. Sunshine Academy is excited to continue to offer nurturing environments and are grateful for resources that allow them to make a positive impact in the community.

# Creative Acres Childcare



Program Information	
City	Terrebonne
Address	11815
Pre-Expansion Licensed Capacity	10
Scope of Work: Increased Capacity	2
Total Licensed Capacity	12
Approved Budget	\$ 10,000
Project Summary	Creative Acres Childcare is expanding their licensed capacity by changing their license from a Register Child Care Home to a Certified Child Care Home. They are seeking funding to support their growth and costs of materials and supplies.

Program Testimonial	
<p>Creative Acres Childcare opened their doors in September of 2012. In 2024, the program is expanding its licensed capacity by transitioning to a Certified Family Child Care Home. They provide full-time, year-round care for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in the underserved rural community of Terrebonne, Oregon. They are committed to enhancing their program and facility to further improve the quality environment and care provided.</p>	

# Growing Giraffes Preschool LLC



Program Information	
City	Redmond
Address	2760 NW 7 <sup>th</sup> St
Pre-Expansion Licensed Capacity	39
Scope of Work: Increased Capacity	38
Total Licensed Capacity	77
Approved Budget	\$40,000
Project Summary	Growing Giraffes Preschool is expanding by adding classrooms for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. They physically expanded by acquiring the front half Suite of their building. The expansion required purchasing additional materials, supplies, and increasing staffing.

Program Testimonial	
<p>Growing Giraffes Preschool is thrilled to be a recipient of the Small Center Facilities Fund, enabling them to expand their capacity to serve 77 children. The support will allow them to expand while the continue to enhance their quality through the Quality Improvement Recognition and Improvement System, ensuring they provide the highest quality care to the community.</p> <p>They recognize the critical need for infant and toddler care and are excited to expand their services to meet this demand. Further, the expansion allows them to create more flexible scheduling options for preschoolers. They are committed to accommodating needs and making quality care accessible in the community.</p>	