



IOWA WOMEN'S  
FOUNDATION

*Improving the lives of Iowa's women & girls*

## **Child Care Solutions Fund: Invitation to Submit a Letter of Interest**

### **Funding Opportunity**

The Iowa Women's Foundation (IWF) has established the Child Care Solutions Fund (CCSF). The CCSF is a "field of interest" fund for grantmaking and action hosted by the Iowa Women's Foundation. In particular, the CCSF is designated to improve the lives of Iowa's women and girls through economic self-sufficiency and specifically by improving the availability of, and access to, quality affordable child care in Iowa. The funds in the CCSF are invested in organizations and institutions focused on innovative and sustainable strategies/solutions ensuring access to affordable quality child care that decreases the work force gap and ultimately increases women's economic security across Iowa.

Currently, too many women must opt out of the workforce because there is no childcare available to them or their families. The availability of affordable, quality childcare is a key component to diversifying, broadening and strengthening the workforce and Iowa's economy. The IWF is proud to sponsor this grant that supports solutions to this crisis.

### **Who is Eligible to Apply**

All potential applicants are encouraged to submit a letter of interest via email no later than Thursday, August 1, 2019, 5:00 p.m. Ideal partners for the CCSF include, but are not limited to, non-profit organizations, for-profit institutions, community partners, and entrepreneurs that are serious about creating and sustaining solutions for quality affordable childcare in their areas. Unlike the IWF's core grantmaking, this fund can be used to support community based solutions such as: building and expanding a child care center, maintaining and increasing child care entrepreneurs, establishing before and after school programs, innovatively addressing child care for 2nd and 3rd shift workers and creating businesses and child care partnerships.

### **What to Include**

In the Letter of Interest, please provide the following information:

- Contact information and mailing address
- Name and mission of your organization
- Brief project description including statement of need, plan of action, objectives, goals and measurable outcomes, staffing considerations, and timeline
- Funding amount requested, community partners and other funding sources

Length should be no more than two pages on letterhead. All Letters of Interest are to be emailed to [grants@iawf.org](mailto:grants@iawf.org) with the subject line: **Child Care Solutions Fund LOI**. Deadline to submit is Thursday, August 1, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

Letters of Interest will be reviewed, and each applicant will be notified by September 1 of their status. Those moving to the next round of review will be asked to complete a more detailed application at that time.