

**MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

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TITLE: Child Care Major Capital Funding Program 2017/18

PURPOSE: Results of the Fourth Intake

BACKGROUND:

- Government has made a commitment to accelerate the creation of new spaces and create 22,000 child care spaces in the next three years and 66,000 by year five.
- The Child Care Major Capital Funding Program funds new builds, or renovations to existing facilities, to support the creation of new licensed child care spaces.
- On March 2, 2017, the fourth intake was announced with a budget of \$33M to support the creation of up to 4,100 new licensed child care spaces.
- The fourth intake introduced a new two-stage application process along with six funding streams: on school grounds, co-located or in community hubs, Indigenous, child development centres, employer-based, and regular.
- Stage one opened on March 15 and closed May 15 with 359 applications received.
- The stage one evaluation period was to end with stage two invitations issued in late June to allow three months to complete the detailed project submissions; however, it was extended due to the longer than expected interregnum.
- On August 16, stage two invitations were issued to 192 organizations with a submission deadline of September 27; however, organizations could request an extension as six weeks was not enough time to complete a detailed submission.
- On October 10, stage two closed with fewer than expected submissions: 76 organizations withdrew, did not submit, or were late.
- The remaining 116 submissions have undergone an extensive stage two evaluation process that included consultations with the Ministries of Health and Education, Health Authority Licensing Managers, First Nations Health Authority, the Ministry of Metis Children and Families, Provincial Aboriginal Headstart, Infant Development and Supported Child Development Consultants and a representative from the Provincial Child Care Council.

DISCUSSION:

- The *2017/18 Child Care Major Capital Funding Intake Four Requirements* set out eligibility and evaluation criteria and the terms and conditions for the intake.
- Of the 116 submissions, 10 have been eliminated as they did not meet the requirements.
- The remaining 106 submissions represent a provincial funding request of approximately \$33.7M to create 3,949 child care spaces at an average provincial cost of \$11K per space.
- Of the 106 submissions:

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- The numbers are not final and are contingent on final discussions with organizations. It is possible that some projects have changed since the intake opened, been determined not feasible, or organizations who are asked to submit additional documentation may choose to withdraw.

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ADVICE:

- Provide preliminary endorsement of 106 projects creating 3,949 new licensed child care spaces with a total provincial funding contribution of \$33.7M.

APPENDICIES:

- Appendix A: Intake Summary Statistics
- Appendix B: List of Successful Projects
- Appendix C: Fee/Wage Analysis of Incorporated Child Care Operators
- Appendix D: Profiles of Quality Child Care Projects

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