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## **Child Care Projects**

The child care funding allocation you have received can only be used to address capital costs related to the creation of child care rooms. As a reminder, prior to requesting an ATP, school boards are required to provide the Ministry of Education's Child Care Quality Assurance and Licensing Branch with a floor plan of any child care space. Once the space has been approved, a floor plan approval letter will be issued to your school board. This letter must be sent to the Capital Analyst when requesting the ATP. If you require further information about the floor plan approval letter process, please contact the ministry's Child Care Quality Assurance and Licensing Branch at 1-877-510-5333 or email [childcare\\_ontario@ontario.ca](mailto:childcare_ontario@ontario.ca). All child care rooms must be built in accordance with the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014* (CCEYA).

## **Payment**

The Capital Priorities Grant, Full Day Kindergarten, and all associated child care funding will operate on a modified grant payment process, where cash flow is based on school board spending. There are two annual reporting periods for these programs:

- For the period of September 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, all related expenditures are recorded in the school board's March Report; and,
- For the period of April 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, all related expenditures are recorded in the school board's financial statements.

School boards will also be funded for the short-term interest costs related to these capital programs reflecting that cash flows will occur on a semi-annual basis. The short-term interest payments will be calculated in a manner similar to how they have been calculated for other eligible capital programs.

Ministry staff are committed to working collaboratively with your school board to provide guidance and respond to questions as your school board considers the development of future capital plans, including requests for Capital Priorities funding.

To assist boards in planning for upcoming capital funding programs, we are pleased to inform you that the ministry is anticipating the launch of a Child Care Capital Program to support the submission of board requests for child care centre only projects that are not associated with Capital Priorities, in the near future. The ministry is also anticipating the launch of the 2021-22 Capital Priorities program, inclusive of a request for new business cases, in the Spring of 2021. We look forward to providing you with additional details for Capital Priorities in the new year.

Please refer to the Appendix B – Communications Protocol for detailed requirements regarding public communications, events and signage related to the project. Should you have any communications-related questions, please contact [MinistryofEducation@ontario.ca](mailto:MinistryofEducation@ontario.ca).

