

Child Care Capital Expansion Grants

Awardee Progress as of April 2024

Shenker Academy (Temple Sinai of Las Vegas) - Clark: Adding a new building to the property (9001 Hillpointe Rd, Las Vegas 89134) which will include 3 classrooms for ages 6 weeks-35 months. Adding a multipurpose room for indoor activities for infant-toddler age students. The building is projected to add 45-60 students full time and part time attendees. Shenker Academy is committed to complete the project ASAP and to enroll students there as soon as August if permits and City of Las Vegas can move forward properly. Projected to receive all permit approvals by 5/15/2024. We are experiencing delays due to City of Las Vegas requests for additional civil work on the site, a drainage study, and a traffic control survey.

Little Hands Learning Center - Washoe: Progress has been delayed. DWSS is working with the Center owner to determine next steps or whether she will have to abandon the project. If this Center cannot accomplish their project, then these funds will be reallocated to other awardees who have experienced increased costs.

Little Steps Early Learning Academy – Clark: Renovating a pre-existing child care building. Upgrading alarm systems, sprinklers, plumbing, and bringing electrical to code. Ensuring that the property is secure with security systems and gates. All work requiring permitting has been completed. Construction is nearly (97%) complete.

Kiddie Academy of Henderson – Clark: Expand child care/preschool capacity in Las Vegas. Purchased and closed on a plot of land. Working to procure and finalize all necessary permits and licenses needed to finish building construction. Having to do a traffic study and now pay for a new turn lane has caused project delays.

Community Chest, Inc.:

- **Mineral County project:** Acquire and renovate a vacant Mineral County School District building to be used as a licensed child care facility meeting quality and safety standards. Complete classroom set up and obtain licensure to open the only licensed child care program in Mineral County. The building is being donated to Community Chest by the Mineral County School District. The School District Board of Directors and the Mineral County Commissioners have approved the transfer of the property to Community Chest. Community Chest has enlisted a title company to start the transfer process and is currently waiting for the title company to complete the transfer. Once owned, Community Chest will start the renovation process. At this time, we are continuing to understand renovation needs and have drafted a bid request that will be released once we own the building.
- **Storey County project:** Purchasing and renovating a neighboring property to be used as a child care center in Storey County that meets quality and safety standards. This opportunity recently presented itself, and will help to provide us with additional space, a shorter renovation time, and will be more cost effective. Complete classroom set up and obtain licensure to add additional child care slots in Storey County. Completed building purchase. Renovation plans have been discussed and drawn, and we have released bid requests and

have had interest from three local contractors. We are working to finalize the selection. The only barrier we have faced is the workload of contractors which has prolonged the process.

Little Hearts Child Care Center - Clark: The construction of a new child care center will allow Little Hearts to increase the number of enrolled children to more than double our current enrollment. Estimating 120 more families will be served. The new facility will allow us to have extra spaces for more educational activities in art, better playgrounds, to meet QRIS program requirements, and rooms where professionals can meet with the kids who need therapy. The new facility will be serving new communities that are in need of child care services and will provide them with more choices especially near their neighborhoods. The new facility will be built according to a preliminary schedule pending land acquisition. The building should be completed by mid-2025 and by 2026 the project will be complete. We selected the land in late August 2023. We have negotiated with the owners and agreed on the terms of sale. The deal is now in escrow. We will close the deal and sign the deeds as soon as the land use entitlement with Clark County is approved. The process of entitlement started in November 2023 and ended in April 2024. The conceptual design phase is complete including Architectural, Civil, land surveying and landscaping. Design development phase started in April 2024. The main design concepts and plans including site plan, floor plans, elevations, civil plans, and landscaping have been done. Consultants are engaged and ready to start the permitting documents as soon as the entitlement application is approved by Clark County. Construction anticipated to begin October 2024.

Our Second Home Daycare – Lyon: We have broken ground, and the foundation was poured at the end of March. The contractors say 12 months after this we should be in our new building (i.e., March 2025).

Kids R Us Hippity Hop Learning Center – Washoe: Project goal is to provide more rooms with slightly smaller class size to give better teaching and care to existing and new students; to provide more child care services to our community; and to provide employment to more people. Renovations are nearly (95%) complete and new construction has just started (15% complete).

Small Strides – Washoe: New building is complete and opened in Fall 2022; project complete.

Universal Children’s Creations Art Academy (Super Genius Kids): Purchased two (2) buildings in April/May 2023 to renovate: 709 Valle Verde Henderson 89014 and 5695 Rainbow Blvd Las Vegas NV 89130. The Rainbow Blvd location opened October 1, 2023 and is licensed for 171 children. The Valle Verde location is planned to be open August 2024 and is licensed for 240 children.

Alphabet Academy – Washoe: Closing on the new location of 4860 Vista Blvd and will start the demolition work. The architect has finished all drawings and is working with mechanical and plumbing to submit to the City of Sparks for approval to permit. We estimate our Grand Opening will be in August 2024.

The Hills Preschool – Clark: Project goal is to increase high-quality child care capacity in a child care desert area for children of all abilities and to provide all-inclusive care for our most vulnerable populations. We are doing new building construction with a land lease. Construction is currently 10% complete with an anticipated completion date of 12/31/2024. We received final permit

approvals from the City of North Las Vegas on 3/13/24. All Architectural and Engineering has been completed. Soil testing is in progress. The traffic study is in progress, and the community meeting was completed. The Developer is highly seasoned and has developed multiple billion dollars' worth of land in Las Vegas and is fast tracking everything that he can.

Kiddie Academy of South Reno – Washoe: Developing a new built-to-suit child care facility in the Reno/Sparks area. We are working with a developer to find a location and design completion is estimated for October 2024. All necessary permits will be obtained by January 2025 which is when we anticipate construction will begin.

Little Timbers Academy – Carson City: Determining whether to expand our current building or build a second structure on our grounds to expand capacity. We have completed our initial design RFP and contracted an architect. We are starting up the Master Plan project review process with Carson City. The design phase is 10% complete; estimate we can have plans ready for construction bidding by this summer (2024).

Children's Learn and Play – Clark: Land and building purchase contract for 1950 E. Desert Inn Road Las Vegas, NV 89169 was fully executed on June 27, 2023, and escrow has been opened. Due to the zoning of the property, it is a requirement of Clark County to obtain a special use permit to allow the use of child care – special use permit received. The land use application process was approved. Purchase completed 11/28/2023. This project has been designed to provide child care services in a child care desert; 7 classrooms, commercial kitchen, multipurpose room, and 2 large playgrounds. This project will create an additional 160 seats for child care in the Las Vegas area and will create upwards of 30-40 positions for the child care job pool in Las Vegas. We are still in the design stage working with Architect, Civil, Structural, Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical Engineers to complete the building plan set to submit to Clark County Building department. Estimated construction completion date is December 2024.

Timberhouse (Under the Magic Pine Tree) – Douglas: Build new building on current site to increase capacity including new outdoor area; renovate existing building to relocate lobby to provide larger area for servicing an increased number of families at drop off and pick up; install a new parking area to comply with county requirements; and include covered walkways between buildings. The parking lot permit was approved, and we submitted permits for the building for approval in April 2024. We estimate that construction will begin in June 2024.

Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows – White Pine: This project will establish the first year-round licensed child care facility in Ely. The Ely Early Learning Center will combat the childcare desert issue affecting the area since the number of children under five years far outnumbers the licensed child care slots by three to one. The proposed project is transforming a 4,800-square-foot vacant building into an Early Learning Center with the capacity to serve up to 70 children ages 0 to 5 years old. The building has been vacant for several years; therefore, it requires significant repairs to transform it into a functional daycare. Ely's ELC will replicate BGCTM's existing early learning model, which uses evidence-based programs and practices, skilled staff, and the highest levels of accreditation. This program will operate Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 5:30pm and will have financial aid available to those who qualify. The rehabilitation of the 4,800-square-foot building includes updating the 60-year-old mechanical systems and plumbing to meet today's regulations. Age-appropriate restrooms will also be installed in each classroom to meet childcare

licensing requirements. The remodel also includes the relocation of the existing mechanical room to create a secured check-in vestibule to limit facility access to parents and other adults – creating a safer facility for all. The land and building are owned by White Pine School District. They have agreed to enter into a long-term lease with BGCTM. The renovation plans included shifting the main entrance to the back of the building where the parking lot is at. The previous entrance faced Mill Street, which has very limited street parking that was not conducive for parents with small children. The shift created a safer pick up/drop off area for parents. To meet licensing requirements, additional parking spaces were also developed, but to do so, we had to redesign the existing playground. As part of our due diligence, we consulted with several local contractors to ensure the costs were reasonable. The contract was finalized in December 2022. The building permits were completed in March 2023, and construction has been underway since then. The cost of the renovations was higher than we originally anticipated due to the current state of construction and the remote location.