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### **BECKER COUNTY PROVIDES EMERGENCY \$1,000 ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR BECKER COUNTY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS**

**February 19, 2021** – The Becker County Board of Commissioners has created an emergency relief grant program for Child Care providers affected by COVID-19. In developing this grant, the Board sought the counsel of local business owners, childcare providers, and the Detroit Lakes Chamber of Commerce. The County was awarded \$665,135.71 from the State of Minnesota to develop grant programs for businesses impacted by COVID-19. “Child Care is essential to keep the workforce in place, without childcare the workforce is negatively impacted. This grant will help offset some of their costs incurred” said Barry Nelson, Becker County Board Chair.

#### **\$1,000 Emergency Child Care Assistance Grant**

The following license types qualify for this grant: Certified Child Care Centers, Child Care Centers, and Family Child Care Providers. Childcare providers must be actively caring for children as of February 16, 2021 and care for children other than their own. Grants will be awarded directly to the licensed childcare providers; prior to receiving these grants the business must complete a W-9. If other licensed childcare facilities are identified in need, additional consideration may be made depending on number of applications and availability of funds.

Businesses that qualify will sign an agreement certifying their business has been financially impacted by the Executive Orders, and that grant funds will be used to cover costs during COVID-19. Online grant applications will be available until further notice; however, applications received after 11:59 p.m. on March 8, 2021 will not be considered. The application is located on the Becker County website [www.co.becker.mn.us](http://www.co.becker.mn.us).

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