

5-594.2.

(A) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES MAY DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE DIRECT INCENTIVE GRANTS TO ANY BOARD THAT EXISTS OR MAY BE CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) A DIRECT INCENTIVE GRANT MADE UNDER THIS PART SHALL BE AWARDED AS AN INCENTIVE FOR A CHILD CARE PROVIDER TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CARE BEING PROVIDED TO CHILDREN THROUGH THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, AND EQUIPMENT.

5-594.3.

(A) THE GRANT FUNDS SHALL CONSIST OF:

(1) MONEYS SPECIFICALLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE CHILD CARE QUALITY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM; AND

(2) ANY OTHER MONEYS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE CHILD CARE QUALITY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM.

(B) THE CHILD CARE QUALITY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM SHALL BE USED TO:

(1) PAY ALL EXPENSES AND DISBURSEMENTS AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR ADMINISTERING THE CHILD CARE QUALITY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM; AND

(2) AWARD DIRECT INCENTIVE GRANTS TO CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.

(C) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE GRANTS UNDER THIS PART, A CHILD CARE PROVIDER MUST:

(1) POSSESS A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OR LICENSE THAT IS CURRENT AND NOT SUBJECT TO ANY PENDING REGULATORY ACTION, INCLUDING REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION; AND

(2) NOT BE IN ARREARS IN THE PAYMENT OF ANY MONEYS OWED TO THE STATE, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF TAXES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.

(D) ~~IN MAKING GRANTS UNDER THIS PART, CONSIDERATION SHALL BE GIVEN~~
GRANTS MADE UNDER THIS PART SHALL BE LIMITED TO:

(1) CHILD CARE CENTERS LOCATED IN TITLE I COMMUNITIES;

(2) CHILD CARE CENTERS WHERE AT LEAST 25% OF THE CHILDREN ENROLLED RECEIVE SUBSIDIES THROUGH THE PURCHASE OF ~~THE~~ CHILD CARE PROGRAM; AND

(3) FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES THAT SERVE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES THROUGH THE PURCHASE OF ~~THE~~ CHILD CARE PROGRAM.