

Background Information
Request to VCDP
Public Presentation: 7/18/22 at Noon
Middlebury Town Offices

Otter Creek Child Center (as the lead entity for the Community Childcare Expansion Project) seeks the support of the Town of Middlebury to apply for a Vermont Community Development Program Implementation grant of up to \$1,000,000.

The application will be submitted under
National Objective: Serving Persons of Low- and Moderate-Income.
State Objective: Employment - Create and/or retain employment.

The project will retain 26 full time jobs, and create a minimum of 17 full time teacher positions as well as other positions. The plan is to offer competitive pay and benefits and support career advancement for teachers.

Upon completion of the project and the hiring of new positions, we will be able to increase daily childcare capacity by up to 77 slots. This will provide more young children with the benefits of a strong developmental foundation and allow their parents/guardians to secure or maintain employment. The retention of existing jobs and the creation of new teacher positions are essential to our plan to more than double the existing childcare capacity of Otter Creek Child Care Center and College Street Children's Center.

The Community Childcare Expansion Project will partner with other organizations to recruit, train and support an essential workforce to enhance the economic vitality of Addison County.

Budget: The total cost of pre-construction work, site work, building a new addition, meeting ADA and CDD licensing compliance, renovating the existing property, and furnishing the kitchen, workspaces and classrooms is currently estimated at \$10.4MM. This cost estimate is based on conceptual design. We will have a final project cost once the construction documents are completed and the project goes out for bid.

Grant requests have been submitted to the Northern Border Regional Commission, Congressionally Directed Spending (through Senator Leahy's Office), and Let's Grow Kids. Funding commitments from Otter Creek and Middlebury College are in hand. Further grant applications and targeted requests for participation are in the current timeline.