

(1) pay all expenses and disbursements authorized by the [Department] STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 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) 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 child care program; and

(3) family day care homes that serve children who receive child care subsidies through the purchase of child care program.

5-594.4.

The [Department] STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION may award a direct incentive grant to an applicant only if:

(1) the applicant meets the qualifications required by this subtitle;

(2) the direct incentive grant does not exceed \$2,500; and

(3) federal funds are available to cover the cost of the grant.

5-594.5.

(a) To apply for a direct incentive grant, an applicant shall submit to the [Department] STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION an application on the form that the [Department] STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION requires.

(b) The application shall include:

(1) the name and address of the child care provider;

(2) an itemization of known and estimated costs including a statement from the child care provider as to how the grant funds will be used;

(3) the total amount of funds required by the provider to purchase supplies, material, and equipment;

(4) the funds available to the applicant to purchase supplies, material, and equipment;

(5) the amount of direct incentive grant funds sought from the [Department] STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;