

(1) PAY ALL EXPENSES AND DISBURSEMENTS AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR ADMINISTERING THE DIRECT GRANT FUND; AND

(2) MAKE GRANTS TO FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDERS.

(C) IN MAKING GRANTS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, CONSIDERATION SHALL BE GIVEN TO:

(1) GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION;

(2) COMMUNITY NEED; AND

(3) FAMILY INCOME, WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO THOSE FAMILIES WITH THE LOWEST INCOME.

(D) THE AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS EXPENDED FOR GRANTS TO FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDERS FROM THE DIRECT GRANT FUND MAY NOT EXCEED \$50,000 IN EACH YEAR.

5-559.4.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT MAY MAKE A GRANT TO AN APPLICANT ONLY IF:

(1) THE APPLICANT MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) THE GRANT DOES NOT EXCEED \$500.

(B) AN APPLICANT MAY RECEIVE ONLY ONE GRANT.

5-559.5.

(A) TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AN APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT AN APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES.

(B) THE APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) THE IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF THE FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER;

(2) AN ITEMIZATION OF KNOWN AND ESTIMATED COSTS;

(3) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER TO COMPLY WITH STATE AND LOCAL REGULATIONS;

(4) THE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE APPLICANT WITHOUT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT;

(5) THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SOUGHT FROM THE DEPARTMENT;

(6) A STATEMENT FROM THE FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER ON HOW THE GRANT FUNDS WILL BE USED;