

IFF Learning Spaces

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is IFF Learning Spaces?

IFF Learning Spaces is a grant program designed to increase capacity and improve access to quality early care and education across the city of Detroit. Providers can receive technical assistance, consulting services, and grants to improve facility quality.

How does this work?

Quality early care and education providers in Detroit can download the grant application at iff.org/learningspaces. You will hear back from an IFF representative within two weeks. The timing of the complete process varies, but the average is three-four months.

What does this grant program cover?

Child care providers in Detroit can receive grants from \$5,000 to \$20,000 to pay for minor repairs/improvements to their facility or other facility-related needs.

Who will this help?

IFF Learning Spaces gives providers the tools and resources they need to help the more than 28,000 children in Detroit without access to quality early care and education. Watch IFF's video or read more about our recent child care study at iff.org/learningspaces.

Who can apply for grants?

Providers are eligible if they have a three-star rating or higher in the Great Start to Quality rating system, have no current licensing infractions, have been in operation for a minimum of 2 years, and are interested in improving their program and facility quality.

Who is funding this?

As part of the Kresge Early Years for Success (KEYS): Detroit initiative, Kresge granted IFF resources to help early care and education providers in Detroit build their capacity and improve access to quality learning environments for children.

Who is IFF?

IFF is a mission-driven lender, real estate consultant, and developer that helps communities thrive by creating opportunities for low-income populations and individuals with disabilities. Working closely with clients from every sector, IFF offers affordable, flexible financing; full-scale real estate consulting; and community development services. IFF has a long history of expanding early education by identifying the need for as well as designing, financing, and building quality facilities in the Midwest.