


**COUNCIL GROVE AREA FOUNDATION**  
**APPLICATION FOR GRANT**

1. Organization Name: Building Blocks Community Child Care, Inc.
2. Address: 300 N. Union Ste. A Council Grove KS 66846  
Street City State Zip
3. Organization's Officers: Sara Dirks, Julie Hower, Frank Hartman, Gail Daugherty,  
Annette Adams, Jeff Mills, Jill Day
4. Contact Person, Title, Phone:  
Sara Dirks, President- Board of Directors
5. Is this a tax-exempt organization? **Yes** If so, date tax exempt status received: **2003**
6. Title of Project and Brief Description:  
Operating expense funds to help fund the center on an on-going basis.
  
7. Geographic Area to be served: Council Grove and surrounding communities
8. What group will be benefited: Children, working parents, and employers Size of Group:  
Community Wide
9. Anticipated Project Period: on-going to
10. Is this a request for Capital, Operating Support, or a Special Project?
11. Total Project Cost: \$10,000.00
12. Amount Requested from Foundation: \$10,000.00
13. Amount and Source of Pledges or Commitments to Date:  
We receive \$26,000.00 annually from the United Way of the Flint Hills.
14. Other Grant Applications or Funding Requests made for this project:  
none
15. What action has been taken on the other applications or requests?  
Currently researching additional grant opportunities.
16. What is the purpose of this project; what specifically will it accomplish?  
These funds will allow us to cover our operating expenses on an on-going basis.  
We will be restructuring staff and making cuts. We have also suspended all non-essential spending.

17. What are the problems this project will attempt to solve?  
Our enrollment is at an odd point where by state regulations, we are required to have 2 staff members in a room, but not a high enough enrollment to cover our operating expenses and staff payroll. These funds will allow us to cover our operating expenses without having to cut staff hours and/or worst case scenario, close the whole center.
18. How will this project be implemented?  
These funds, if awarded, will be used to support and fund the operating expenses of the center.
19. What local support is there for this project?  
A large part of the Council Grove community relies on Building Blocks to care for their children while they work.
20. Who else in the community is working on this problem?
21. How will you coordinate with others working on this problem?  
"We continue to work closely with all of our parents. We also work with our school district and with United Way.
22. If awarded, how will the grant you are requesting be used?  
These funds, if awarded, will be used to fund our operating expenses.
23. Is there any additional information you would like to be considered in our determining whether to make this grant?  
We continue to experience rising costs of food, and falling food program reimbursement rates. State and government regulations are a large part of funding deficit, as many of the regulations make it very difficult to run a financially successful center. Each staff member requires 10 hours of continuing education in order to meet licensing regulations every year. This amount of hours has been increased from last year and will continue to increase in the following years.  
These funds will allow up to continue to provide quality child care to Council Grove and surrounding communities. Without this funding, we will likely have to close our doors.

Signature  \_\_\_\_\_ Date 1/31/18 \_\_\_\_\_  
Ashley Brown, Director

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