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Charlene McKay  
Board Chair  
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Dear Board Chair McKay:

Families throughout British Columbia are looking for access to inclusive, affordable, quality child care. As leaders, I know you are acutely aware of the needs in your community and share our government's concerns and ambitions of providing access to an inclusive universal system of care. Although we have made significant progress over the last three years with nearly 26,000 new licensed child care spaces approved for funding across Childcare BC's space-creation initiatives, too many families still struggle to find the care they need in their local communities. With this in mind, I am emailing today to ensure you have received information about the opening of the [Childcare BC New Spaces Fund](#), our province's largest child care space creation initiative.

In the 2021/22 intake for the New Space Fund program, we are focusing our efforts on expanding quality, inclusive, community-based child care in areas with the greatest need in alignment with provincial priorities and commitments under the [Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement](#). This means that only School Districts, Indigenous and local governments, not-for-profit organizations, and Indigenous not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply for up to \$3 million in grant funding per project.

As an eligible organization, I encourage you to visit [Childcare BC](#) to review the New Spaces Fund program guidelines, FAQ, application form, and other resources. Further, I encourage you to seize this opportunity to partner with the Province to help address your community needs and serve families in your community with more affordable, quality child care.

**Note that the deadline to apply is November 16th, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. PST.**

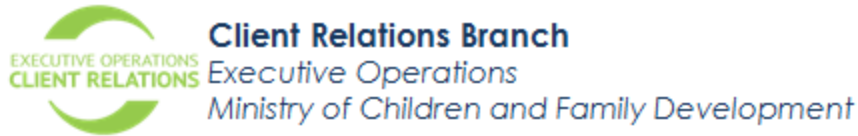
Please do not hesitate to contact our Capital Funding program staff at [MCF.CCCF@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MCF.CCCF@gov.bc.ca) or 1 888 338-6622 (option 5) for any additional questions you may have.

Thank you for the work you do for families in your community.

Sincerely,

Katrina Chen  
Minister of State for Child Care

*Sent on behalf of the Minister of State by:*



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