

ROOTED IN RELATIONSHIPS

Social-Emotional Enhancement Grant Application

Grant Overview

Child care providers participating in Rooted in Relationships are eligible to apply for materials, equipment, or curriculum to enhance the social and emotional development and well-being of the children in their care. **Approved items will be purchased and shipped by the Rooted in Relationships team.** These supports are intended to help providers reach one specific coaching goal, and applications should be completed collaboratively by the provider and coach. As coaching goals evolve, providers may apply for additional support.

Applications are typically reviewed on the **within the first week of each month.**

Process Overview

1. Go to www.rootedinrelationships.org/resources/process-guide and click on "Social Emotional Grants." The most up-to-date application, as well as sample grants and implementation reports, can be found there.
2. Download the Grant Application. **This should be completed collaboratively by the provider and coach.**
3. The provider or coach will email the completed application to:
rootedgrants@nebraskachildren.org
 - a. If the provider is sending the application, the coach must be included on the email.
 - b. The Rooted in Relationships team may contact the provider and/or coach via email with follow-up questions.
4. The application will be returned indicating approval, partial approval, or denial. Additional details about what was or was not approved, and the reasons why, will be included in the comments section of the application. **Providers should open and carefully review the returned application and all comments.**
5. Approved materials will be ordered and shipped by Rooted in Relationships staff within **10 business days** of approval.
 - a. Training and/or curriculum may follow a different process (registration or reimbursement). Details will be communicated upon approval.
6. The following items must be submitted to rootedgrants@nebraskachildren.org within **90 days of approval**:
 - a. Completed implementation report (provided with approval email)
 - b. Photos showing how materials are being used in the program

Important Information and Eligibility

- Providers in **Year 3 cannot apply after March 1st**, as there is limited time for providers to receive and implement coaching around the materials.
- Grant approval is not guaranteed. Approval is based on the availability of funds, the strength of the application, and how well requested items support the provider's Pyramid coaching goal. All decisions are made at the discretion of Rooted in Relationships staff.
- Submission of this application does not guarantee approval of all requested items. Rooted in Relationships reserves the right to adjust quantities, brands, vendors, or items based on availability, cost, and program requirements.
- There is currently no limit to how often or how much a provider may apply for; however, only **one open grant is allowed at a time**. Any new application submitted prior to completing an open grant will be denied. Previous grant history may be taken into consideration.

Allowable Requests

Training – Including but not limited to specialized staff training (i.e. infant brain development, social-emotional early learning guidelines training, etc.), workshops, conferences, consultant fees, or a substitute to cover the classroom while the provider attends training. Does not cover transportation or lodging to attend.

Curriculum – Including but not limited to resource books, educational software, instructional videos, social-emotional teaching tools

Materials and/or equipment – Including but not limited to children's indoor play equipment, children's art supplies, multi-cultural dolls, dramatic play items, shelves, chairs, cots, social-emotional books, etc.

Non-Allowable Items:

The following items will **not be approved due to limited funding**:

- Electronic devices (iPads, tablets, etc.)
- Large outdoor play structures

Shipping Requirements

Approved materials will be **ordered and shipped directly** to your program.

You must provide:

- A complete and accurate shipping address
- A contact person and phone number for delivery

Incomplete or incorrect shipping information may delay your order.

If you have questions about allowable items or your request, please contact:
rootedgrants@nebraskachildren.org

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Provider Information

All fields on this page are required.

Date of request: _____

Provider Name: _____

Provider Phone Number: _____

Provider Email Address: _____

Program Name (if applicable): _____

Program Shipping Address: _____

Contact Person for Delivery: _____

Phone Number for Delivery: _____

In what type of child care program do you work?

☐ Family child care

☐ Center-Based child care

*We must have a complete and accurate address where packages can be delivered during business hours.
Incorrect or incomplete information may delay fulfillment.*

Do you accept childcare subsidy?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Coach's Name: _____

Coach's Phone Number: _____

Coach's Email Address: _____

Name of Person Submitting Request: _____

Request Type:

☐ Training

☐ Curriculum Materials

☐ Program Materials or Equipment

Rooted Implementation Year:

☐ Year 1

☐ Year 2

☐ Year 3

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Request for Training

Name of Training: _____

Date: _____

Location: _____

Cost: _____

Additional Costs (if applicable): _____

Why are you requesting this training?

What is the coaching goal you are working on that relates to this request?

How will participating in this training help you reach this goal?

Approved:
(for staff only)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Partially
approved

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Request for Curriculum, Materials, & Equipment

Where will materials be used?

- ☐ Program wide
- ☐ In a specific classroom

For each item, include a description and the exact link to the item you are requesting. These items will be purchased by Rooted in Relationships.

You may also choose to include a wishlist link or shared cart link for your requested items.

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Requested items:

Item: _____	
Link: _____	
Cost: _____	Shipping: _____
Item: _____	
Link: _____	
Cost: _____	Shipping: _____
Item: _____	
Link: _____	
Cost: _____	Shipping: _____
Item: _____	
Link: _____	
Cost: _____	Shipping: _____
Item: _____	
Link: _____	
Cost: _____	Shipping: _____

Approved: (for staff only)
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Yes
☐ No

Total amount requested: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED (for staff only): _____

What is your **one** Pyramid coaching goal related to this request?

Why are you requesting these materials/equipment?

What strategies have you already tried to support your goal?

How will these materials help you reach your goal?

How will these materials improve the quality of social-emotional experiences of young children in your care?

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Implementation Plan

Describe your timeline for using the materials after receiving them. Include at least three action steps that you will take to use the items.

Example: *After receiving the materials, I will meet with my coach to create a plan for implementing them in a way that supports my goal. Together, we will discuss how to introduce the materials to the children, model their proper use, and incorporate them into daily activities and routines.*

Once implementation begins, I will use the materials consistently with the children and observe their engagement and progress. I will continue to communicate with my coach to reflect on what is working well, address any challenges, and make adjustments as needed.

Action Steps:

1. *Meet with my coach to develop an implementation plan.*
2. *Introduce the materials to the children and model proper use.*
3. *Incorporate the materials into daily activities and monitor progress.*
4. *Check in regularly with my coach to reflect and make adjustments as needed.*

Assurances

By checking the box below, I acknowledge that I will submit the required implementation report and pictures to rootedgrants@nebraskachildren.org no more than 90 days (3 months) following approval of this grant request.

☐ I agree

By checking the box below, I acknowledge that I have discussed this request with my coach and my program director (if in a center-based program) and have their full support in this request.

☐ I agree

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This section to be filled out by Rooted in Relationships Staff only

☐ Approved

☐ Partially approved

☐ Denied

Total Approved Value: _____

Total Actual Value: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Implementation report and pictures due: _____

Comments:

