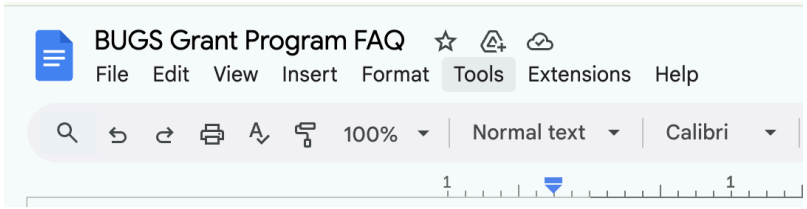
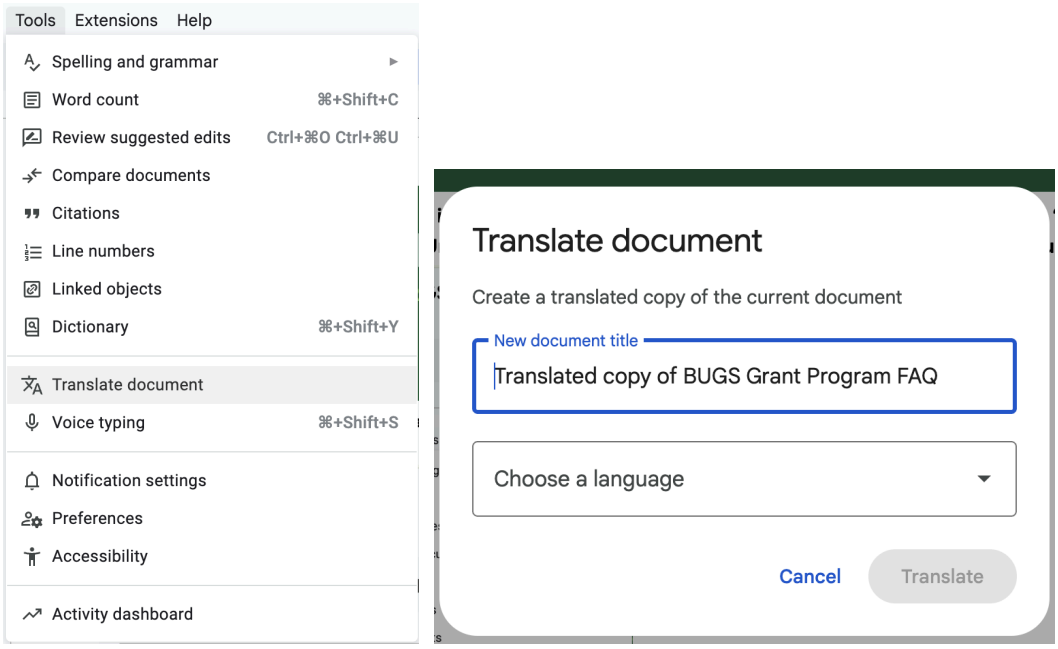
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Who is eligible to apply?

Licensed child care centers and family child care homes in San Mateo County serving children ages 0–12, including at least one child receiving subsidized care.

When is the application deadline?

Monday, **December 14, 2026, 5:00PM**

I accept subsidized children but don't have any currently, can I still apply for the grant?

Yes—you can still apply even if you don't currently serve any subsidized children. While programs serving subsidized families are one of the priorities, we also recognize that many providers offer **discounted rates, sliding scale tuition, or internal scholarships** to support families in need. I**f your program does anything like that, that also counts as well.**

How do I show a child is on scholarship?

Just mark it in the application; there's no need to show documentation of it, though you may include that documentation if you want.

Can I apply if I operate more than one site?

Yes, but you must complete a separate application for each site.

What if I don't have a Gmail account to upload files?

You can sign up for a free gmail account to upload files. You may also email your documents directly to **BuildUpSMC@gmail.com**.

Is assistance available if I need help with the application or translation?

Yes. Contact **Christine Padilla and Dow-Jane Pei** at **BuildUpSMC@gmail.com** to request support or language assistance.

Is there an information session I can attend?

Yes. Live application workshops will be held on **November 30 from 6-7pm (English/Spanish) and December 3 from 6-7pm (English/Chinese)**. Click here to register:
English/Spanish: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Ee76WiCpRlG2jqeWrsvnzQ
English/Chinese: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/6I0n8OfNQumLbVsV3zipPQ

Will the workshop be recorded?

Yes, the sessions will be recorded. Links to the recordings will be available upon request.

How much funding can I apply for?

Grants range from **$4,500 to $15,000**, depending on the project type.

When must projects be started?

Between **July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027.**

What documentation is required if I am approved?

- Signed grant agreement
- IRS W-9 form
- Landlord approval letter (if renting/leasing)
- Documents MUST be turned in by March 5, 2027

Can I submit photos or quotes to support my application?

Yes, photos or supporting documents can be uploaded in the online application form or emailed to the address above.

How can we revise information in a complete application?

If it is before the application deadline (December 14), submit a new application with the updated information, and email Dow-Jane (buildupsmc@gmail.com) to let her know that you submitted an updated application. If it is after the application deadline, we will be unable to accommodate application changes.

Does the project have to be related to climate resilience? For example, if we want to replace the rotten wood from water damage of ceilings and repaint, will this type of project qualify?

Yes! This kind of project absolutely qualifies! All projects for repairs and renovations qualify for this grant.