

SC DSS Materials/Health & Safety Grant
Equipment and Materials List:

*The following list includes eligible items to be purchased with the SC DSS Materials/ Health & Safety Grant. Please note that selecting the Outdoor Play and Learning Environment option will require technical assistance **prior** to the purchase of any activity setting components. Under the Outdoor Play and Learning Environment option, programs will be limited to spending \$15,000 or less.*

Foodservice/meal support

- Commercial grade kitchen equipment
- Food preparation items
- Small kitchen appliances
- Child-sized tables and chairs
- Child-sized serving and eating dishes including utensils

Sun Safety support

- Sun sails and canopies

Physical/Classroom Activity support

- Select age appropriate portable play equipment

Nature-based support

- Bird and insect houses
- Bird and insect watching
- Nature collections and samples, such as shells, nuts, seed pods, gourds, fossils, geodes, etc.
- Natural loose parts, such as tree cookies, large wooden blocks, pinecones, larger river stones, leaves, flowers, small tree branches, bamboo stalks, etc.
- Sets of washable raincoats and rainboots
- SC All Parks Passports - [Park Passports | South Carolina Parks Official Site](#)

Outdoor Play and Learning Environment support

By choosing this option, providers are agreeing to receive technical assistance from ABC Quality Health Educators related to product selection and alignment with Grow Outdoors SC guidelines. Additional resources from the Natural Learning Initiative will be provided. Please note that programs can spend \$15,000 or less.

- Select activity settings
- Outdoor storage (semi-permanent)

Facility Maintenance and Support (Health and Safety)

By choosing this option, providers are agreeing to use this grant for improvements and support for the child care facility that will bring the facility into compliance with SCDSS Child Care Regulations. The grant may only be used for projects and support to improve the health and safety of children in care.

- Adding hand washing sinks adjacent to diaper changing stations
- Replacing old, dirty, or worn carpet
- Replacing cribs that do not meet regulations
- Adding fencing to outside areas
- Replacing/removing playground equipment that does not meet regulations

- Adding playground cushioning materials
- Other projects that bring a facility into compliance with health and safety regulations as approved by Child Care Licensing
- Maintaining ratios and group size
- Teacher Compensation

Please note: Keep all receipts and records for reporting purposes. Equipment and materials purchased by programs remain the property of the child care program. Always purchase equipment and materials through reputable stores and distributors. The child care program is responsible for all maintenance and upkeep.