

Ohio Revised Code Section 3109.178 Requests for start-up costs.

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- (A) An entity may request from the children's trust fund board up to five thousand dollars to be used as one-time, start-up costs for the establishment and operation of a children's advocacy center to serve at least one county.
- (B) On receipt of a request made under this section, the board shall review and approve or disapprove the request.
- (C) If the board disapproves the request, the board shall send to the entity requesting funds written notice of the disapproval that states the reasons for the disapproval.
- (D) No funds allocated under this section may be used as start-up costs for any children's advocacy center unless the center has as a component a primary prevention strategy.
- (E) An entity that receives funds under this section in any fiscal year shall not use the funds received in a different fiscal year or for a different center in any fiscal year without the approval of the board.
- (F) A children's advocacy center established using funds awarded under this section shall comply with sections 2151.425 to 2151.428 of the Revised Code.