

City of San Antonio
Department of Human Services

FY 2024 Child Care Services Grant Award



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Background

- DHS has managed the CCS program in Bexar and 12 rural counties comprising the Alamo Workforce Development Areas for over 30 years.
- The program provides childcare scholarships for families meeting income and other qualification requirements.
- On April 30, 2021, WSA issued a Request for Proposals for Fiscal Year 2022, with three one-year extensions.
- DHS was awarded for Fiscal Year 2022, and has received a renewal extension for Fiscal Year 2025. This is the last year for the contract period.





Program Information

- To date, CCS has served 19,145 unduplicated children receiving care at least one day, with an average of 14,597 children in care daily.
 - Waitlist for services is 4,456 children or 2,781 families.
- CCS services are primarily provided to low-income families, parents enrolled in the WSA Workforce Choices Program and those referred from the Texas Department of Family Protective Services, CPS system.
- Children are enrolled in CCS for a minimum of 12 months to ensure continuity of care.

Issue

- Accepts a grant from Workforce Solutions Alamo for \$121,992,846.00 for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.
- Authorizes a total program budget of \$125,679,717.00 and a personnel complement of 68 positions for DHS.
- Awarded funding will provide operational costs and direct childcare scholarship payments to 628 childcare vendors.
- Approves an application for a Request for Proposals, to continue the childcare scholarship program, and accept funding if awarded in an amount up to \$121,922,846 for Fiscal Year 2026. Should the grant be awarded, DHS would return to City Council in September 2025 to authorize a program budget and personnel complement.





Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval of this ordinance authorizing budgetary, grant and contract related items for the FY 2025 CCS Program.
- Continuation of program operations will ensure uninterrupted services to the community.

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