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In Control: Head Start Policy Council Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Department of Human Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Melody Woosley

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Approval of 2025-2026 Head Start/Early Head Start (EHS) Continuation Grant Application

SUMMARY:

This item presents the following from the Department of Human Services (DHS) Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership programs for action by the Head Start Policy Council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On August 2, 2024, the DHS Head Start Program received notification from HHS of available funding, for year two of the five-year project period, in the amount of \$39,322,640, for the period of February 1, 2025, to January 31, 2026. This ordinance authorizes budgetary, grant, and contract related items to ensure the continuation of Head Start Pre-K Program and EHS Program services for the period of February 1, 2025, to January 31, 2026. Funding will provide for the DHS Head

Start Program's operational costs and provision of direct family and community support and mental wellness services, and service provider operations.

The grant application is due to HHS on November 1, 2024. Awarded grant funds for the 2025-2026 Program Year will provide for the DHS Head Start Program services, along with the continued partnerships with Blessed Sacrament Academy, EISD, and SAISD.

The Head Start Act 642 (c)(1)(E)(iv)(V)(bb) requires review of the Head Start Programs progress in carrying out the programmatic and fiscal provision of the grant application, including implementation of corrective action.

ISSUE:

Rules and regulations for the Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Start-Child Care Partnership grants as set forth by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) require the Head Start Policy Council to review programmatic actions to oversee certain key responsibilities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no anticipated impact to the general fund as a result of these actions.

ALTERNATIVES:

The review of the items included in this memorandum are required for program compliance with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services rules and regulations for Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Head Start- Child Care Partnership programs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff will present a briefing on this item subject to possible action by the HSPC Committee. Staff recommends review and approval of the items included in this memorandum.