

THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CHILD CARE SERVICES QUALITY INITIATIVE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,647,141.00 FOR THE TERM OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, WITH OPTIONS TO RENEW FOR FOUR, ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS AND AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT.

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WHEREAS, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) administers the Child Care Services Quality Initiative, also known as the Texas Rising Star (TRS) program; and

WHEREAS, TWC contracts with Workforce Solutions Alamo (WSA) to implement the program for Bexar County and 12 rural counties; and

WHEREAS, through a competitive process, WSA awards contracts to provide Child Care Quality Initiative services; and

WHEREAS, since Fiscal Year 2016, the City's Department of Human Services has been a grantee for this program; and

WHEREAS, this quality initiative provides mentorship to prepare local childcare centers to become certified TRS providers (or high-quality childcare centers); and

WHEREAS, furthermore, the grant requires that all childcare vendors be TRS-certified by the end of September 2025; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2024, WSA released a Request for Proposals (RFP) with grant submissions due on April 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2024, City Council approved Ordinance 2024-03-21-0192, authorizing the submission of the Child Care Quality Initiative grant application to Workforce Solutions Alamo; and

WHEREAS, During the summer, DHS was awarded the grant for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, with options to renew for four, one-year extensions; and

WHEREAS, through this grant award, DHS will provide Child Care Quality Improvement Activities such as mentoring for TRS providers and those working towards certification; technical assistance; professional development training; guidance for implementation of children with disabilities assessments for inclusion rates; and additional programs and special projects to improve quality standards; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this initiative is to improve the quality of care by increasing the number of TRS providers and increasing star level for existing TRS providers; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the Human Services or designee, is authorized to accept Child Care Services Quality Initiative Program grant funds from Workforce Solutions Alamo in the amount of \$6,647,141.00 for the term October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, and execute a grant contract, with options to renew for four, one-year extensions. A copy of the grant documents will be on file with the Department of Human Services.

SECTION 2. The budget, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**, is approved and adopted for entry in the City books.

SECTION 3. The personnel complement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment II**, is hereby approved.

SECTION 4. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS) or designee, is further authorized to initiate, negotiate, and execute any and all necessary documents and a grant contract to effectuate the acceptance of the grant referenced in Section 1 of this ordinance and to execute contract amendments pertaining to this grant contract to include a) carry-over funds, when ascertained and approved by the funding agency through a revised notice of award; b) line item budget revisions authorized by the funding agency; c) modifications to the performance measures authorized by the funding agency and listed in the contract so long as the terms of the amendment stay within the general parameters of the intent of the grant; d) no cost extensions; e) amendments which will provide supplemental grant funds to the grant by the funding agency in an amount up to 20% of the total amount initially awarded to the grant; f) reimbursement increases of administrative funds for each participant served; g) amendments funding one time equipment purchases or defined program services; and h) changes in regulations mandated by the funding agency.

SECTION 5. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day August, 2024.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney