

City of San Antonio

Department of Human Services

Child Care Quality Initiative Grant Application



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Background

- DHS has operated a CCQ Initiative grant since FY 2016
- On February 14, 2024, WSA released an RFP for the operation of the Child Care Quality Initiative or Texas Rising Star Program for the next 5 years
- On March 21, 2024, City Council approved, Ordinance 2024-03-21-0192, authorizing the submission of a grant application to WSA
- On July 19, DHS was awarded the grant for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 with option to renew for four, one-year extensions
- The goal is to increase childcare quality through participation in the Texas Rising Star Program s in the 13-county WSA service area.





Issue

- Authorizes the acceptance of a Child Care Services Quality Initiative grant award from WSA in an amount of \$6,647,141.00, an associated program budget.
- Term: October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 with up to four one-year extensions.
- This award will support a personnel complement of 25 positions for the Department of Human Services (DHS).
- Funding will continue Childcare Quality improvement activities such as mentoring childcare providers, providing technical assistance to childcare centers, and increasing the total number of Texas Rising Star certified providers in the Alamo area.

Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval of this ordinance authorizing acceptance of a Child Care Quality grant of \$6,647,141.00 for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; budget and personnel complement of 25 positions.
- Continuation of the Child Care Services Quality Initiative will ensure uninterrupted services to the community.



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