



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors

DEPARTMENT: Pre-K 4 SA

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Sarah Baray, Ph.D.

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Child Care Relief Funds

SUMMARY:

This item includes a briefing and Board action to accept funds in an amount of \$1,511,866.00 in Child Care Relief Funding from the Texas Workforce Commission for recovery of expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In May, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) announced that it had authorized \$790 million to support the stability of the child care sector and assist providers in responding to impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency. These funds are to be provided to all regulated child care providers to assist them in addressing the increased operating expenses they have faced as a result of the pandemic. The funding comes from \$1.1 billion that TWC received through the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act.

Relief funds are available for child care businesses that:

- Are a licensed or registered child care center or home;
- Were open and operating in Texas as of May 1, 2021 (or reopened and serving children as of June 18, 2021; and
- Don't have a corrective or adverse action with Texas Health and Human Services Commission Child Care Regulation.

TWC emailed information to all eligible child care providers explaining how to access these funds through an online application system that went live on June 1, 2021. Applications were due by July 31, 2021. Pre-K 4 SA applied for the funding and was notified that we would receive a total of \$1,511,866.00 in Child Care Relief Funding based on the capacity of each respective center and our NAECY accreditation.

ISSUE:

This item includes a briefing and Board action to accept funds in an amount of \$1,511,866.00 in Child Care Relief Funding from the Texas Workforce Commission for recovery of expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the Board of Directors does not approve this item, Pre-K 4 SA would forgo \$1,511,866.00 in eligible funding to assist in COVID-19 pandemic recovery.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This item authorizes Pre-K 4 SA to accept funds in the amount of \$1,511,866.00 in Child Care Relief Funding from the Texas Workforce Commission for recovery of expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION:

Pre-K 4 SA staff recommends the Board approve accepting funds in an amount of \$1,511,866.00 in Child Care Relief Funding from the Texas Workforce Commission for recovery of expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.