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# OLE! GRANT RATIFICATION

5.9.2023

# BACKGROUND



- Outdoor Learning Environment (OLE!) Texas is a statewide initiative that promotes healthy, nature-based outdoor spaces at early childcare and education (ECE) programs.
- A healthy outdoor space helps preschool children be more active while they play, discover, and connect with nature.
- Pre-K 4 SA is leading the OLE! San Antonio Chapter as of Summer 2022

# BACKGROUND CONT.



- On behalf of the coalition, Pre-K 4 SA applied for and was awarded a \$38,500.00 grant from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to plan and implement outdoor learning environments to improve and increase outdoor experiences for young children in the San Antonio area.
- Funds will be used to:
  - Expand the number of outdoor learning environments at childcare centers and raise awareness of the positive benefits that nature has on young children; and
  - Create an awareness of OLE! San Antonio through social media, providing information and sharing ideas about creating nature-based outdoor spaces with the San Antonio ECE community.



# ISSUE



This item ratifies submission of the grant application to DSHS, authorizes acceptance and appropriation of grant funds in the amount of \$38,500.00 for the grant term through September 30, 2023, and approves acceptance of any future grant funds, if awarded, from the grantor.

Ratification and acceptance of the grant funding are necessary in order to properly account for the funds in accordance with audit guidelines.

# RECOMMENDATION



Pre-K 4 SA Staff recommends the Board ratify submission of the grant application to the Department of State Health Services to support the OLE! San Antonio coalition, authorize acceptance and appropriation of grant funds in the amount of \$38,500.00 for the grant term through September 30, 2023, and approve acceptance of any future grant funds, if awarded, from the grantor.



QUESTIONS?