



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**In Control:** Head Start Policy Council Meeting

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**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Human Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Melody Woosley

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Correspondence – ACF-PI-HS-23-02 FY 2023 Head Start Funding Increase

**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:**

President Biden signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, into law on December 29, 2022. The funding level for programs under the Head Start Act (the Act) is \$11,996,820,000, an increase of \$960 million over fiscal year (FY) 2022. This increase includes \$596 million to provide all Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Head Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnership grant recipients a 5.6% cost-of living adjustment (COLA), \$262 million for quality improvement, and

\$100 million for expansion of Head Start, Early Head Start, and EHS-CC Partnership programs. The total appropriation also includes \$8 million for Tribal College and University Head Start (TCU-HS) Partnership programs, of which \$2 million is an increase over the FY 2022 funding level.

This Program Instruction (PI) primarily provides information about COLA and quality improvement funds available to all Head Start, Early Head Start, and EHS-CC Partnership grant recipients. Grant recipients subject to competition for continued funding through the Designation Renewal System (DRS) are entitled to COLA funds through the end of their current award. However, the Administration for Children and Families reserves the right to delay decisions on quality improvement funding until DRS competition decisions are final. State collaboration grants are not eligible for COLA or quality improvement funding due to the statutory cap on their funding in the Head Start Act.

**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.