Memorandum



DATE November 3, 2020

TO Honorable Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance

SUBJECT Update on the CARES Act Child-Care Providers Micro-Grant Program

This memo is to provide an update on the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Childcare Providers Micro-Grant Program.

Program Update

The application for funding through the Childcare Providers Micro-Grant program will be available during the first week of November 2020. Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas has finalized the application and is preparing to release the application for micro-grants on November 5, 2020. Workforce Solutions will partner with ChildcareGroup to administer the application process and to receive and review applications for eligibility and required supporting documentation. Should the number of eligible and complete applications exceed available funding, a randomized selection process will be utilized.

The micro-grants will support childcare providers who have experienced a loss of income, decreased enrollment and/or increased costs due to COVID-19. In order to receive the micro-grant, providers must meet the following criteria:

- Must be licensed with Texas Health and Human Services and be in good standing
- Must be physically located and operating in the City of Dallas, Texas
- Provider must have been in existence since October 1, 2019
- Must be current on local taxes
- Currently providing childcare services to children
- Must have experienced a loss of revenue of at least 25%, an increase of expenses of at least 25%, or a combination of decreased revenue and increased expenses in an amount representing a 25% net impact on overall revenue versus expenditures and/or seen a decrease in enrollment of at least 25% since March 1. 2020
- Cannot be a franchise
- Cannot have received a Paycheck Protection Loan
- Cannot have received assistance from the City's Small Business Continuity Fund in an amount exceeding \$5,000.00. Assistance received from the City's Small Business Continuity Fund, if less than \$5,000.00, will be deducted from the total award amount so that the provider does not receive more than \$5,000.00 total from both programs.

In order to ensure awareness of the opportunity to local childcare providers, City staff is coordinating with Workforce Solutions to reach out to their partners to ensure direct outreach with licensed providers.

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Background

On August 12, 2020, City Council authorized the Child Care Providers Micro-Grant Program for the childcare providers who have been adversely affected by the coronavirus pandemic and an Interlocal agreement with Dallas County Local Workforce Development Board, Inc. DBA Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas to administer the Childcare Providers Micro-Grant program.

On August 6, 2020, the Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Recovery and Assistance was briefed via memo on the Child Care Providers Micro-Grant Program.

On June 17, 2020, the Dallas City Council was briefed on CARES Act funding, including the planned allocation for nonprofit assistance program funding. The COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic constriction have led to substantial impact across sectors, particularly the nonprofit sector.

If you have any questions regarding the Nonprofit Assistance Program, please contact me or Jessica Galleshaw, Director of the Office of Community Care.

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