

Legislation Text

File #: 19-1177, Version: 1STRATEGIC PRIORITY:Human and Social NeedsAGENDA DATE:September 25, 2019COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):AllDEPARTMENT:Office of Community CareEXECUTIVE:Nadia Chandler-Hardy

## <u>SUBJECT</u>

Authorize contracts with fully-licensed childcare providers (Exhibit A), and with any other fullylicensed childcare providers, pursuant to the Early Childhood and Out-of-School Time Services Program ("program") selected by eligible parents who meet the requirements of the program for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 - Not to exceed \$336,081.00 - Financing: 2019-20 Community Development Block Grant Funds

## **BACKGROUND**

On June 26, 2019, City Council adopted the FY 2019-20 HUD Consolidated Plan Budget for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant funds. The grant funds are available beginning October 1, 2019, contingent upon approval of the City's FY 2019-20 Action Plan and execution of grant agreements with HUD. The FY 2019-20 HUD Consolidated Plan Budget includes a line item budget for the program, in an amount not to exceed \$650,000.00. The funds will be distributed as follows (pending City Council approval):

- \$336,081.00 for Daycare Providers (this action)
- \$213,919.00 for Infants and Toddlers
- \$100,000.00 for Homeless and Special Needs Children

The program, administered by the Office of Community Care in accordance with the City of Dallas' Early Childhood and Out-of-School Time Services Program Policies and Procedures for Parents, promotes stability for low-to-moderate income working parents and teen parents who are full-time high school students by reducing the cost of childcare to enable them to strive for self-sufficiency. Approximately 175 children will be subsidized for a one-year period.

The program pays \$50.00 per week per child directly to contracted childcare providers for childcare services for working parents and pays 100% of the cost for childcare for eligible teen parents who are enrolled in high school full-time whose income falls in the low-to-moderate income range of Community Development Block Grant funding eligibility.

Family Size	Extremely Low (30%)	Low Income (50%)	Moderate Income (80%)
1	\$17,500.00	\$29,100.00	\$46,550.00
2	\$20,000.00	\$33,250.00	\$53,200.00
3	\$22,500.00	\$37,400.00	\$59,850.00
4	\$25,750.00	\$41,550.00	\$66,500.00
5	\$30,170.00	\$44,900.00	\$71,850.00
6	\$34,590.00	\$48,200.00	\$77,150.00
7	\$39,010.00	\$51,550.00	\$82,500.00
8	\$43,430.00	\$54,850.00	\$87,800.00

The following chart illustrates the income range which is 30-80% of Area Median Income (AMI).

Once approved, eligible parents will be able to select a childcare provider regardless of if the provider is listed in Exhibit A. Any childcare provider not listed in Exhibit A will be reviewed by the City to ensure the provider meets the requirement of the program prior to receiving any payments. If the provider agrees to accept the funds from the City of Dallas and follow all program requirements, they will be added to the list during the year. If childcare allotted funds from the City of Dallas are not spent, such remaining funds may be directed to other fully licensed childcare providers selected by eligible parents.

This item will allow the City to enter into contracts with fully-licensed childcare service providers listed in Exhibit A, and also allows the City to enter into contract with other fully-licensed childcare providers that are selected by eligible parents, not listed in Exhibit A, subsequent to the passage of the resolution, as long as the childcare provider meets the requirements of the program.

## PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On June 26, 2019, City Council adopted the FY 2019-2020 HUD Consolidated Plan Budget for the HUD grant funds for the following programs: Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Emergency Solutions Grant, Housing Opportunities for Person with AIDS Grant, and Program Income by Resolution No. 19-0886.

City Council was briefed by memorandum regarding this matter on September 13, 2019.

## FISCAL INFORMATION

FY 2019-20 Community Development Block Grant Funds - \$336,081.00