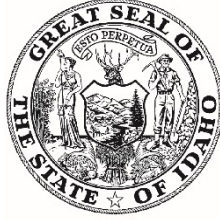


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Child Care Expansion Grant Review Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, November 28, 2022
Time: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Committee Members: Sarah Griffin, Emily Allen, Beth Oppenheimer, Erika Rupp, Anna Almerico, Ben Davidson, Caroline Merritt, Renee Bade, Martin Balben (proxy for Beth Oppenheimer)

Staff: Wendi Secrist, Amanda Ames, Rebecca Watson, Cassie Mansour

Guests: Jennifer Stoneman, Tana Vanderholm

Called to order at 11:04 a.m.

Welcome

Roll Call – Quorum Met

Review Agenda – No changes to the agenda

Review November 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mr. Davidson to approve the November 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes as presented. Second by Ms. Allen. Motion carried.

***Award Child Care Expansion Grants**

Ms. Secrist informed the Committee that our recommendations today will be sent to the Executive Committee. They will review the Committee's recommendations and ensure that they comply with the CCEG Policy. Once approved by the Executive Committee, a risk assessment will be completed for each entity prior to entering into a contract.

Discussion:

- Do we have any thoughts on how to best award these grants?
 - The first funding round had 46 grant applications, 30 out of the 46 applications were determined to be eligible for funding. The remaining applications from the first round have been given the opportunity to revise their application and resubmit for future funding rounds. We will consider a total of 30 applications today.
 - The second funding round (ending in October) received only 6 new applications.

- How much is the funding request for this current round?
 - The applications we will be considering are requesting a total of \$18,130,754. Of the \$15,000,000 in grant monies we can award, \$4 million is earmarked for small providers (serving 12 or fewer slots), and we have \$11 million left to allocate to large providers.
- The Committee debated the merits of considering awarding more grant funding this round versus the coming rounds.
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- The Committee determined that they would start with small providers to attempt to make some quick headway.
- The Committee requested to view the data in various orders based on several different metrics. This led to several different ways of looking at the data.
- One of the metrics the Committee requested to see was cost per seat. Ms. Secrist and Ms. Mansour were able to demonstrate that data for the Committee.

Child Care Expansion Grant Awards - Small Providers

Lost Rivers Medical Center

Discussion:

- This provider is currently serving 6 children on a drop-in capacity, and not the same 6 children every time, as this is a first come-first serve basis.
- The Committee feels that this is a definite candidate for funding due to score, gap, and number of added seats (18). The committee recommends funding this grant at \$270,000 which reflects the policy of \$15,000 per new child care seat.
- The Committee recommends this applicant for funding at this lower amount.

Care House Learning Center

Discussion:

- This is another strong applicant.
- The grant request amount of this application is \$12,694.20 per slot.
- The committee recommends this application for funding.

Cookies and Milk Daycare

Discussion:

- This provider is in Chubbuck. They are licensed by the city, and Chubbuck has a high city standard, well exceeding the state's standards. This is a current in-home provider and is moving to a commercial facility. This provider's long-term plan and budget are weaker than other applicants. This award could be made, however, contingent on this applicant receiving the SBA funding noted in the application.
- The SBA can help this applicant develop a more robust business plan.
- They are currently not accepting ICCP families which would help them have sustainable funding.

Whole Child Early Education (Small Center)

Discussion:

- This application has been split into small and large. They are two different projects and will therefore be considered separately.
- The committee recommends the small center for funding.

Motion by Mr. Davidson to recommend approval of the 5 Small Provider Grants to the Executive Committee as follows:

- **Lost Rivers Medical Center at \$270,000**
- **Care House Learning Center in the full amount**
- **Little Me with Daycare in the full amount**
- **Cookies N Milk Daycare in the full amount, contingent on receiving their SBA loan**
- **Whole Child (Small Center) in the full amount**

Second by Ms. Almerico. Ms. Allen abstained. Motion carried.

Break for Lunch

Child Care Expansion Grant Awards - Large Providers

Discussion:

- The Committee considered assigning each application to one of three buckets: Yes, No, or Maybe.
- The Committee considered applying a weight to the Gap/Need, the Score, and the Quality and reviewed the data according to different filters.
- The Committee decided to rule out the lowest scoring applications – the teens and lower will be eliminated from consideration, while the Committee will consider grant funding for 20 and above.
- Of the remaining applications, the Committee first prioritized Gap, from regions with 24% and greater gap percentages, and then scores, from 24 and up. The challenge is that this leads to some bunching regionally.
- The Committee spent some time weighing the need vs funding ask question.
- The Committee considered the amended requested amounts and the added slots for the most high-need areas.
- After considerable discussion, the Committee reviewed the highest scoring applications in areas of greatest need for recommendation for Grant awards along with ensuring that funds were being allocated across the state.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		Sum of Amended Reque	Sum of Added Slc	Sum of Gap	Sum of Score	Region	Fund?
3	Children's Learning World LLC DBA Storyb	1455000	97	24%	27		1 maybe
4	Kaniksu Community Health	375000	70	24%	27		1 yes
6	Storybook Adventure	2250000	150	24%	27		1 yes
7	BGC Lewis Clark Valley	800000	250	17%	21		2 maybe
8	Tiny Tots Learning Center	235620	50	37%	27		2 yes
9	West Central Mountains Econ. Dev. Counc	452000	60	76%	30		3 yes
10	BGC Ada County/Kuna	1500000	700	10%	27		3 maybe
11	Brella	430000	120	10%	24		3 maybe
12	Get Ready to Learn, Kuna	75000	20	10%	25		3 maybe
13	Kiddie Academy	1107500	164	10%	20		3 maybe
14	Tamarack Resort	166724	20	84%	25		3 yes
15	Micron	1860000	124	10%	26		3 maybe
17	The Little Red Roost Child Care	101670.71	34	10%	21		3 maybe
18	The Valley Learning Center	378288.2	154	10%	23		3 maybe
19	BGC Nampa	700000	75	34%	22		3 maybe
20	United Way of South Central Idaho; E-Stre	900000	60	33%	26		4 yes
21	BGC Magic Valley (Rupert)	600000	150	46%	24		4 maybe
22	Lucky Duck Preschool	2198900	319	47%	23		5 yes
23	Pocatello Valley Montessori	615000	72	25%	23		5 maybe
24	Whole Child Early Education (Large Center	325732	41	69%	20		6 maybe

- All applications marked “maybe” will be considered in the next round against the new applicants.

Motion by Ms. Rupp to recommend approval of the Grants highlighted in yellow to the Executive Committee.

These are:

- **Kaniksu Community Health**
- **Storybook Adventure**
- **Tiny Tots Learning Center**
- **West Central Mountains Economic Development Council**
- **Tamarack Resort**
- **United Way of South Central Idaho; E-Street**
- **Lucky Duck Preschool**

**Second by Mr. Davidson. Ms. Allen abstains, and Ms. Merritt abstains from the Tamarack vote.
Motion carried.**

The Committee will meet on Friday to discuss the 5 applications from the second round of funding. We will have quorum.

The Committee set the date for the next in person meeting to make funding recommendations for January 20th, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 PM