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Child Care Expansion Grant Review Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, November 3, 2023
Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Committee Members: Sarah Griffin, Emily Allen, Anna Almerico, Renee Bade, Martin Balben, Ben Davidson, ~~Lori McCann, Caroline Merritt~~

Staff: Wendi Secrist, Amanda Ames, Jenny Hay, Denise Hill, Rebecca Watson

Guests: Anna & Terry Thueson, Kreative Kids; Brittany & Jed Graham, Lollipop Land; Alyssa Romero, Lobby Idaho; Lori Fascilla, Giraffe Laugh

Called to order at 9:02 AM.

Welcome

Roll Call – Quorum Met

Review Agenda – No changes to the agenda.

Review October 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mr. Ben Davidson to approve the October 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Martin Balben. Motion carried.

***Funding Recommendations for Reverted FY2023 Funds**

Amanda Ames

- \$1.1M reverted from FY2023 awards
- Options
 - Divide among the FY2023 applicants that re-applied in 2024.
 - Evenly apply to all FY2023 partially awarded projects.
 - Add to FY2024 funds to be awarded.
- FY2023 Projects that will not move forward:
 - Magic Stars Spanish Preschool
 - Opted not to move forward with expansion.
- WICAP
 - Internal organization changes

- Little Rascals
 - Looking at Preston
 - Current business in Utah
 - Difficulty finding property, just made an offer to no avail.
- FY2023 projects that received a partial award:
 - TV YMCA
 - Received 50% of request.
 - 2024 application for same project
 - BGC Ada County
 - Received 30% of request.
 - 2024 application for same project
 - BGC Lewis Clark Valley
 - Received 30% of request.
 - 2024 application same project
 - BGC Magic Valley
 - Received 30% of request.
 - No 2024 application
 - Micron
 - No 2024 Application
 - Teton Regional Economic Coalition
 - Moving forward
 - No 2024 application
 - Same number of seats
 - Tiny Town
 - Moving forward
 - No 2024 application
 - Reduced seats to coincide with award amount.
- Decision today on this would affect:
 - If FY2023 partial awards are increased with reverted funding, the requests for FY2024 applicants would be reduced by amount added to FY2023 award.
 - FY2023 contract amendments would be necessary with this route.
 - Possibly award the other 2 even if they did not apply for FY24?
- Discussion
 - Are we just rewarding for reapplication?
 - Was our intent clear?
 - Retroactive
 - Magic Valley did also intend to reapply for FY2024 but missed the deadline to submit a letter of intent.
 - Gap % – Teton & Tiny Town in areas with larger child care gap
 - Roll over into the new round?
 - More scoring experience
 - High scores this round
 - Tough decisions
 - Could help hard decisions.
 - No rubric in place before for after school in FY2023
 - Allocating would bring it up to fair.
 - Standard set when we communicated, should stick to that.

- Defer decision 2 weeks.

***Child Care Expansion Grants**

Amanda Ames

- Giraffe Laugh
 - Renee Bade abstaining.
 - Good Partners
 - Meeting all needs of community (Kuna)
 - Level 5 IdahoSTARS
 - 7 am – 6 pm M-F
 - High wage compared to market.
 - Professional development, good benefits.
 - Aligned on donations and contributions.
 - Strong fundraising infrastructure 501C3
- Kreative Kids Academy
 - Renovations are under way to finish by Dec 31st.
 - Partners with Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office, St. Lukes
 - Extended hours
 - Not holding seats for partners
 - IdahoSTARS Steps to Quality participant, Step 1
 - 6:00 AM – 7:30 PM, closed 1 week in Spring and 2 weeks at Christmas.
 - Wages \$10 - \$12, market \$13
 - Paid time off, 2% increase first 2 years, benefits.
- Boys and Girls Club of Lewis Clark Valley
 - Lewiston High School space opens next year.
 - Local employer providing annual funding, no exchange of seating.
 - Significant match
 - Strong recruitment and retention
 - No charge beyond membership fee
- Lollipop Land
 - Partner, Jefferson County Sherriff, 12 seats
 - IdahoSTARS Steps to Quality, Step 3
 - 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM
 - \$14 per hour, high at \$26
 - Geography is an impact to pay scale.
 - Good experience for project completion
- Treasure Valley YMCA
 - Hybrid program
 - Partners – no prioritizing, no exchange Boise Cascade & Idaho Power
 - Drop in for After School
 - Out of School to be scored separately.
- A Child's Choice Montessori
 - Leased building
 - 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM
 - No regulatory body
 - Licensed and unlicensed

Committee Discussion:

All

- Idaho Child Care regulations
 - What warrants a shutdown of a facility?

- Inspections and schedules
- Currently low regulatory oversight
- Should past issues be considered?
 - Lack of documentation to review
- May need a deeper dive into business practices for the landscape.

Unanimous Consent Motion by Ms. Renee Bade. Motion carried.

Committee Adjourned at 11:00 AM