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Child Care Expansion Grant Review Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, November 17, 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

Guests: Heather Sarria, First United Methodist Church of Boise City DBA Wesleyan Preschool (KASP); Anna, Kreative Kids Academy

Called to order at 9:03 AM.

Welcome

Roll Call – Quorum Met

Review Agenda – No changes to the agenda.

Review date, November 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Ms. Anna Almerico to approve the November 3, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Second by Ms. Renee Bade. Motion carried.

***Funding Recommendations for Reverted FY2023 Funds** **Amanda Ames**
• Deferred to next meeting for full Committee member discussion.

***Child Care Expansion Grants** **Amanda Ames**
• Storybook Adventure LLC
○ \$990,000 request
○ New, additional location
○ 99 added seats
○ 4th Quartile - Sandpoint
○ Hours 6:00 AM– 6:00 PM M-F
○ Idaho Steps to Quality (ISTQ) at step 3

- Employer partner – Idaho Forest Group.
 - Funded last year – partner was Lighthouse.
 - \$15 starting, benefits, child care discount.
 - Currently meeting existing grant requirements
 - Approval letter from financial institution for interim financing.
- Acorn Children's Academy LLC,
 - \$407,360 request.
 - New or expansion - expansion of existing location
 - Seats added – 90.
 - 4th Quartile - Ammon
 - Hours 5:30 AM – 7:30 PM
 - Step 4 for ISTQ
 - \$10 starting, market is \$15.
 - Failed health inspections may affect licensing.
 - Investigation on child injury, corrected.
 - Jenny to follow up with Dept. of Health and Welfare.
- First United Methodist Church of Boise City DBA Wesleyan Preschool (KASP)
 - \$120,000 request
 - New or expansion - expansion
 - Seats added - 8
 - 4th Quartile - Boise
 - Hours – 7:30 AM – 5:15 PM
 - NAEYC Certified
 - \$15.50 starting wage, health dental, time off, childcare for employees
 - Jenny to follow up with questions from Committee.

The remaining will be scored during the Dec. 1st meeting.

- Wing's 2 Fly 123's and ABC's
- City of New Meadows
- Stepping Stones Childcare
- Lolys Daycare LLC
- Mayra's Spanish Preschool and Daycare LLC

Committee Discussion All

- Wonderschool is getting started.
- FY2023 projects moving forward.
- Reimbursements being processed.
- Doodle Poll for additional meeting times before the end of the year and legislative session.

Ms. Renee Bade motioned to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 AM.