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514 W Jefferson St, Ste 131, Boise, Idaho 83702

Child Care Expansion Grant Review Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, December 1, 2023
Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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

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

Guests: Jonathan Walgamott, Cindy Walgamott - Kidz Connection

Called to order at 9:02 AM.

Welcome

Roll Call – Quorum Met

Review Agenda – No changes to the agenda.

Review November 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Ms. Emily Allen. to approve the November 17, 2023, Meeting Minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Ben Davidson. Motion carried.

***Funding Recommendations for Reverted FY2023 Funds**

Amanda Ames

- \$1.4 M available
- Recommendation
 - Teton Regional Economic Coalition (TREC) & Tiny Town increase partial to full 2023 request
 - Allocate remaining Treasure Valley YMCA and 3 Boys & Girls Club Applicants – 23% each.
 - Micron did not receive the full requested amount in 2023 but will be receiving other state funding – able to complete project without additional funding.
 - Remaining \$42K into 2024 Grants
 - Mr. Balben recused himself from TREC, Ms. Merritt recused herself from Boys & Girls Clubs

Motion by Ms. Renee Bade to approve the recommendation. Second by Ms. Emily Allen. Motion carried.

Note: The applicants that received an increase to their FY2023 award, and also applied for FY2024 funding will have their FY2024 request reduced by the increased amount for their FY2023 award.

***Child Care Expansion Grants**

Amanda Ames

- Wing's 2 Fly 123's and ABC's
 - Eligibility criteria met.
 - Partnership – True Color Painting 5 slots, 25% discount.
 - Quartiles 2&3 – Project is for two centers in two separate counties.
 - STARS step 1.
 - 5 am – 8 pm
 - \$11 starting wage is the current market rate.
 - Majority ICCP families, <10% private pay
- City of New Meadows
 - Eligibility criteria met.
 - Meadow Valley School District provides staffing.
 - 1st Quartile
 - STARS step 1.
 - 6 AM – 6 PM
 - Starting \$16.41, market \$11 - benefits, discounted child care for employees.
- Stepping Stones Childcare
 - Eligibility criteria met.
 - USDA Food Program, CACSP Program
 - 4th Quartile
 - Minimal information provided on several topics.
 - No licensed child care in community currently
 - 6 AM – 6:30 PM
- Lolys Daycare LLC
 - Eligibility criteria met.
 - Partnership – Painting Company, doing painting for 25% discount on seats.
 - Spanish Speaking
 - 3rd Quartile
 - ADA updates are part of the project scope.
 - STARS step 3, working on step 4.
 - 6 AM – 6 PM
 - \$12 hr. market is \$11, paid holiday, bonuses, discounted child care for employees.
- Mayra's Spanish Preschool and Daycare LLC
 - Spanish Speaking
 - Applied in 2023, was not funded.
 - Eligibility criteria met.
 - Partnership - Labor and equipment being donated.

- 4th Quartile
- STARS step 3
- 7 AM – 6 PM
- \$14.50 hr. - market is \$11, time off discounted child care for employees, holiday meals, employee referral program
- Walgamott II Inc DBA Kidz Connection Montessori
 - Eligibility criteria met.
 - Partnership – discount and match 5 – 10% discount on seats for referral DL Evans, Hawthorne Elementary, Bibbidibop Holiday Shop
 - Extensive wait list, recently closed other facility.
 - 4th Quartile
 - No STARS at present, were level 2 working to resume.
 - Montessori practices exceed normal quality definitions.
 - 6:30 AM – 6 PM, will reassess for possible weekends.
 - \$15 – market is \$11, free child care for employees, sick leave, vacation
- Genesee Joint School District
 - Eligibility criteria met.
 - Partnership – school district is providing building for priority spots, farmers co-op priority spots.
 - 4th Quartile
 - 6:30 AM – 5:30 PM
 - \$15 hr. – market is \$13 health care, discounted child care for employees, retirement.
- ABC Above and Beyond the Classroom in Teton Valley
 - Eligibility criteria met.
 - Receiving ID Out of School Network funds
 - Partnership – Teton School District, others
 - Application only refers to their summer program.
 - 2nd Quartile
 - Significant need full time summer care
 - Out of School level 8
 - 8:30 – 5:30 summer M - Th, Fridays provided by 4-H may not renew; 3 – 5:30 school year.
 - \$18 hr. – market is \$15, health benefits, time off.

Committee Discussion

All

- Next meeting on December 15th will be 3 hours
- January 5th meeting updated to 8:30 – 11:30

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Emily Allen. Second by Mr. Martin Balben. Motioned carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.