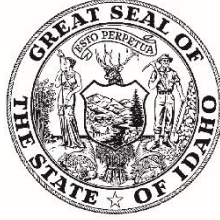


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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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

Child Care Expansion Grant Review Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, June 28, 2024
Time: 9:00 AM -04:00 PM
Location: Zoom/In-Person*
514 W Jefferson St, Ste 136
Boise, ID 83702

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

Staff: Amanda Ames, Jenny Hay, Denise Hill,

Guests: Laura Henning, Treasure Valley Waldorf DBA Wildflowers, Maria Belen Coryell, Acuarela LLC

Called to order at 9:25 AM

Sarah Griffin, Chair

Welcome

Roll Call – quorum met

Review Agenda – no changes

Review June 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Ms. Allen to approve the June 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Balben. Motion carried.

***Child Care Expansion Grant Award Recommendations**

Amanda Ames

- Budget
 - \$2,926,422.37 available to be obligated
 - \$3,751,283.00 in requests

CCEG FY2024 Obligated Fund Balance with Requests							
	Beginning Balance	Total FY2024 Requests	Obligated to Date	Remaining Balance to Obligate	Small Provider Requests 6/28/2024	Recommended to Award 6/28/2024	Obligated Totals
Personnel & Operating	\$ 508,600.00	\$ -	\$ 508,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 508,600.00
Public Safety	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 2,962,475.00	\$ 37,525.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,962,475.00
Large Providers	\$ 7,533,964.77	\$ 25,267,645.07	\$ 7,533,918.40	\$ 46.37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,533,918.40
Wonderschool	\$ 849,700.00	\$ -	\$ 849,700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 849,700.00
Small Providers	\$ 3,150,300.00	\$ 4,169,063.00	\$ 261,449.00	\$ 2,888,851.00	\$ 3,761,283.00	\$ -	\$ 261,449.00
Total	\$ 15,042,564.77	\$ 32,436,708.07	\$ 12,116,142.40	\$ 2,926,422.37	\$ 3,761,283.00	\$ -	\$ 12,116,142.40

This balance includes P&E for FY24, FY25, & FY26

This balance includes uncontracted FY2023 rollover funds

- Discussion
 - 2 applications removed from consideration
 - Watch Me Grow – Ineligible due to open investigation with Health & Welfare
 - Immersivo Learning Systems - Withdrew application
 - Ms. Allen proposed reviewing applicants by:
 - By ranking of overall score
 - Highest is 23
 - Look at 19 – 23 (total just over \$3M)
 - Eliminate 11, 12, & 14 due to low scores
 - Balance would be approximately \$84K
 - Discussion:
 - Note: How much confidence does the Committee have in the applications with scores of 16 & 17?
 - Would the Committee reconvene if someone withdraws?
 - If de-obligation is necessary, yes
 - Applicants must be under contract by September 30th
 - Re-obligation would need to be done immediately to allow for review by the Executive Committee
 - Some hesitation about funding those with scores in the mid-teens, perhaps a large provider who was partially funded would be better served with the balance
 - If the Committee intends to consider funding an application with a score of 16, all those with that score should be evaluated
 - Current applicant list is 16 new providers and 10 expanding
 - New applicants are surmising on budget costs; existing providers provide real data based on experience which may cause the score to be higher for the new applicant
 - Example: Mountain Sky Daycare is an existing provider and scored lower than 2 applicants that are new providers
 - Complaint History – 5 with histories
 - Substantiated
 - Cassandra Hleovas Child Care – Supervision, imminent danger

- Little Bug’s Daycare Inc – Operating without license, significantly unclean
 - Unsubstantiated
 - Acuarela LLC – rodent droppings
 - Our Future Society LLC – minors in charge
 - Magic Stars Spanish Preschool – ratio concerns
 - Pull both applicants with substantiated complaints
- Project Readiness – review the “no’s”
 - Ashley’s Daycare & Montessori– does not have financing to do construction, family-owned property, application was extensive, did not work with Wonderschool, lots of experience, Montessori, has a conditional use permit approved
 - Gem Kids Infant & Toddler Center – no property identified, knows property manager, if approved, staff would request to see at least a 3 year lease, high score, strong partner
 - Creative Corner Learning Center – no interim funding in place for initial project, if approved, staff would recommend no reimbursement until approved loan is in place
 - Mountain Sky Daycare – lack of property identified, currently working extensive hours, concern about time to complete project if awarded
- 2 Applicants with Scores of 16 or 17 remain

Motion by Mr. Balben to obligate funding to the following Small Provider Applicants and recommend approval to the Executive Committee: Acuarela LLC \$120,000, Apples and Oranges Daycare \$90,000, Armbruster-Kids Family Daycare \$138,547, Ashley’s Daycare & Montessori \$152,665, Baraka Childcare \$60,000, Bilingual Adventures Academy \$180,000, Creative Corner Learning Center LLC \$180,000, Ducks in A Row Daycare \$180,000, Gem Kids Infant and Toddler Center LLC \$180,000, Huckleberry Montessori \$176,635, Jabbers LLC \$180,000, Jellybean’s Playcare Center \$179,957, Land of the Littles \$179,999, Lilypad Childcare LLC \$160,000, Magic Stars Spanish Preschool \$180,000, Mountain Sky Daycare \$126,725, Our Future Society LLC \$177,100, Treasure Valey Waldorf LLC DBA Wildflowers \$180,000. Second by Ms. Allen. Motion carried.

- Remaining Funds \$104,794.37K
 - 7 large providers received partial funding
 - The Advocates can’t expand any further than their current plan because of fire code
 - Boys and Girls Clubs of Ada County - well supported, funded multiple years
 - Boys and Girls Clubs of the Lewis Clark Valley - well supported, funded multiple years
 - Kreative Kids Academy - well supported
 - Lollipop – well resourced
 - Nampa School District – next highest score, average support

Motion by Ms. McCann to increase the award given to Nampa School District by \$104,794.37, making their total award \$390,542.37. Second by Mr. Balben.

Ms. McCann amended the previous motion to increase the award given to Nampa School District by \$104,794.37, making their total award \$390,542.37 and recommend approval to the Executive Committee. Second by Mr. Balben. Motion carried.

Data for Small Providers (April 2024 Round)

Name of Applicant	Score	Gap %	Gap Quartil	City	County	Region	Funds Requested	Funds Matched	Match %	Current seats	New seat	Total seats	Cost per New Seat	New Busini	Shovel Ready
Acuarela LLC	21	10.1%	4	Boise	Ada	3	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	58%	12	8	20	\$ 15,000.00	No	Yes
Angel's	11	10.1%	4	Boise	Ada	3	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 90,640.00	50%	0	12	12	\$ 15,000.00	Yes	No
Apples and Oranges Daycare	16	10.1%	4	Boise	Ada	3	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	100%	6	6	12	\$ 15,000.00	No	Yes
Armbruster-Kids Family Daycare	21	10.1%	4	Boise	Ada	3	\$ 138,547.00	\$ 91,200.00	66%	0	12	12	\$ 11,545.58	Yes	Yes
Ashley's Daycare & Montessori	23	66.0%	2	Rigby	Jefferson	6	\$ 152,665.00	\$ 92,915.00	61%	0	12	12	\$ 12,722.08	Yes	No
Baraka Childcare	18	10.1%	4	Boise	Ada	3	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 30,160.00	50%	6	6	12	\$ 10,000.00	No	Yes
Bilingual Adventures Academy	17	9.8%	4	Payette	Payette	3	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 96,000.00	53%	12	12	24	\$ 15,000.00	No	Yes
Cassandra Hleovas Child Care	16	32.6%	3	Twin Falls	Twin Falls	4	\$ 102,119.00	\$ 55,827.00	55%	5	7	12	\$ 14,588.43	No	Yes
Creative Corner Learning Center LLC	17	24.1%	4	Sandpoint	Bonner	1	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 90,420.00	50%	0	12	12	\$ 15,000.00	Yes	No
Ducks In A Row Daycare	20	33.5%	3	Nampa	Canyon	3	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 103,680.00	58%	0	12	12	\$ 15,000.00	Yes	Yes
Gem Kids Infant and Toddler Center LLC	22	38.7%	3	Emmett	Gem	3	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	50%	0	12	12	\$ 15,000.00	Yes	No
Honey Bee's Daycare	12	38.7%	3	Emmett	Gem	3	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	50%	0	12	12	\$ 15,000.00	Yes	No
Huckleberry Montessori	22	24.1%	4	Sandpoint	Bonner	1	\$ 176,635.00	\$ 132,578.00	75%	12	12	24	\$ 14,719.58	No	Yes
Jabbers LLC	22	10.1%	3	Nampa	Canyon	3	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	50%	0	12	12	\$ 15,000.00	Yes	Yes
Jellybean's PlayCare Center	20	32.6%	3	Twin Falls	Twin Falls	4	\$ 179,957.00	\$ 89,979.00	50%	0	12	12	\$ 14,996.42	Yes	Yes
JFT Childcare	14	10.1%	4	Boise	Ada	3	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 59,500.00	66%	6	6	12	\$ 15,000.00	No	No
Jumpin Juniper's	14	10.1%	4	Boise	Ada	3	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 104,126.00	58%	0	12	12	\$ 15,000.00	Yes	No
Land of the Littles	22	70.6%	1	Preston	Franklin	5	\$ 179,999.00	\$ 143,640.00	80%	0	12	12	\$ 14,999.92	Yes	Yes
Lilypad Childcare LLC	19	33.5%	3	Nampa	Canyon	3	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	50%	0	12	12	\$ 13,333.33	Yes	Yes
Little Bug's Daycare Inc	19	10.1%	4	Lewiston	Nez Perce	3	\$ 86,137.00	\$ 44,253.00	51%	6	6	12	\$ 14,356.17	No	Yes
Little Gnomies	12	10.1%	4	Kuna	Ada	3	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 34,224.00	57%	0	12	12	\$ 5,000.00	Yes	No
Magic Stars Spanish Preschool	22	33.5%	3	Nampa	Canyon	3	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	50%	12	12	24	\$ 15,000.00	No	Yes
Mountain Sky Daycare	16	0.9%	4	Hayden	Kootenai	1	\$ 126,725.00	\$ 63,363.00	50%	0	12	12	\$ 10,560.42	Yes	No
Our Future Society LLC	19	10.1%	3	Meridian	Ada	3	\$ 177,100.00	\$ 88,550.00	50%	0	12	12	\$ 14,758.33	Yes	Yes
Tiny Haven LLC	14	10.1%	4	Boise	Ada	3	\$ 61,399.00	\$ 32,400.00	53%	0	12	12	\$ 5,116.58	Yes	Yes
Treasure Valley Waldorf LLC DBA Wildflowers	23	10.1%	4	Boise	Ada	3	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 116,300.00	65%	12	12	24	\$ 15,000.00	No	Yes
							\$ 3,761,283.00				279		\$ 13,526.80		

Breakdown of Rubric Scores for FY2024 Small Providers (April 2024 Round)

Applicant	Employer Partnership	Child care needs/barriers are explained and documented?	Project serves high need communities in a child care desert	Does the project meet the needs most sought in applicant's community?	High Quality Care	Hours of Operation	Business Plan	Staff Recruitment and Retention	Fiscal Structure	Capacity to Complete the project	Total Rubric Score	Gap %	Region	Request	Current Seats	Added Seats	Total Seats	Cost per New Seat
Acuarela LLC	1	3	0	3	3	1	3	3	2	2	21	10.1%	3	\$ 120,000.00	12	8	20	\$ 15,000.00
Angel's	2	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	10.1%	3	\$ 180,000.00	0	12	12	\$ 15,000.00
Apples and Oranges Daycare	2	2	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	16	10.1%	3	\$ 90,000.00	6	6	12	\$ 15,000.00
Armbruster-Kids Family Daycare	3	2	0	3	2	3	1	3	2	2	21	10.1%	3	\$ 138,547.00	0	12	12	\$ 11,545.58
Ashley's Daycare & Montessori	2	3	0	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	23	66.0%	6	\$ 152,665.00	0	12	12	\$ 12,722.08
Baraka Childcare	1	2	0	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	18	10.1%	3	\$ 60,000.00	6	6	12	\$ 10,000.00
Bilingual Adventures Academy	1	2	0	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	17	9.8%	3	\$ 180,000.00	12	12	24	\$ 15,000.00
Cassandra Hleovas Child Care	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	16	32.6%	4	\$ 102,119.00	5	7	12	\$ 14,588.43
Creative Corner Learning Center LLC	1	2	0	3	2	3	2	2	1	1	17	24.1%	1	\$ 180,000.00	0	12	12	\$ 15,000.00
Ducks In A Row Daycare	1	3	1	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	20	33.5%	3	\$ 180,000.00	0	12	12	\$ 15,000.00
Gem Kids Infant and Toddler	2	3	1	2	3	3	3	1	2	2	22	38.7%	3	\$ 180,000.00	0	12	12	\$ 15,000.00
Honey Bee's Daycare	1	2	1	3	1	2	1	0	1	0	12	38.7%	3	\$ 180,000.00	0	12	12	\$ 15,000.00
Huckleberry Montessori	3	3	0	1	3	1	2	3	3	3	22	24.1%	1	\$ 176,635.00	12	12	24	\$ 14,719.58
Jabbers LLC	1	3	1	2	3	2	3	1	3	3	22	10.1%	3	\$ 180,000.00	0	12	12	\$ 15,000.00
Jellybean's PlayCare Center	3	2	1	3	2	3	2	2	1	1	20	32.6%	4	\$ 179,957.00	0	12	12	\$ 14,996.42
JFT Childcare	1	1	0	2	1	3	2	1	2	1	14	10.1%	3	\$ 90,000.00	6	6	12	\$ 15,000.00
Jumpin Juniper's	2	1	0	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	14	10.1%	3	\$ 180,000.00	0	12	12	\$ 15,000.00
Land of the Littles	3	3	3	3	2	3	1	2	1	1	22	70.6%	5	\$ 179,999.00	0	12	12	\$ 14,999.92
Lilypad Childcare LLC	2	1	1	3	1	3	2	2	2	2	19	33.5%	3	\$ 160,000.00	0	12	12	\$ 13,333.33
Little Bug's Daycare Inc	2	1	0	3	2	3	2	1	2	3	19	10.1%	3	\$ 86,137.00	6	6	12	\$ 14,356.17
Little Gnomies	1	2	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	10.1%	3	\$ 60,000.00	0	12	12	\$ 5,000.00
Magic Stars Spanish Preschool	3	2	1	3	2	1	2	1	3	3	22	33.5%	3	\$ 180,000.00	12	12	24	\$ 15,000.00
Mountain Sky Daycare	2	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	16	0.9%	1	\$ 126,725.00	0	12	12	\$ 10,560.42
Our Future Society LLC	1	3	0	3	2	3	2	1	2	2	19	10.1%	3	\$ 177,100.00	0	12	12	\$ 14,758.33
Tiny Haven LLC	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	14	10.1%	3	\$ 61,399.00	0	12	12	\$ 5,116.58
Treasure Valley Waldorf LLC DBA Wildflowers	2	3	0	3	3	0	3	3	3	3	23	10.1%	3	\$ 180,000.00	12	12	24	\$ 15,000.00
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- Withdrawn/Ineligible Applications**
- Early Explorers Childcare Center-INELIGIBLE
- Country Kids Childcare INELIGIBLE
- My Little Explorers INELIGIBLE
- Little Honey Bees INELIGIBLE
- Immersivo Learning Systems WITHDRAWN
- Watch Me Grow INELIGIBLE

Additional Committee Items

- Future Meetings: July 19th, Aug 2nd, twice per month at present, will adjust if needed
- Will likely have modifications to review in future meetings

Project Updates

Amanda Ames

Ms. Ames shared updates and photos of current projects.

- Cookies N Milk – Challis – photos provided of construction, 40 students
- Kaniksu – photos, drop in for staff & immediate family 74 seats
- Little me with Daycare – in home to group, upfront funding, step 3 STARS, in garage

- Storybook – contract for 180 seats ended with 192
- Tiny Town – Pinehurst – 100 seats, addition, moving fast
- TREC – moved a donated house, sq ft cost \$260/sq ft rather than \$600/ sq ft, new exec director as of July

Committee Feedback

- Great committee
- Feedback from guests so positive, impressed with depth of knowledge and learning
- Not just a rubber stamp committee, really care

Motion by Mr. Balben to adjourn. Second by Ms. Griffin. Motion carried.

Adjourned 11:28 AM