



# CITY OF SOUTH BEND

## REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

### Redevelopment Commission Agenda Item

DATE: 07/23/2020

FROM: Brian Donghue

SUBJECT: United Way – Early Childcare Programs

\_\_\_\_\_ Pres/V-Pres

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED  Not Approved

*SOUTH BEND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION*

Funding Source (circle one) River West; River East; South Side; Douglas Road; West Washington; RDC General

#### Purpose of Request:

Budget request for continuation of United Way – City of South Bend Collaborative program that seeks to increase the number of affordable, high-quality childcare slots in the City of South Bend. 2019-2020 program was successful, and will be continued at the same funding level (\$100k) for 2020-2021, in alignment of the original appropriation by this board last fall. Contract is still being finalized, but the program description (below) from 2019-2020 will be consistent for 2020-2021

#### **Program Description**

The Organization shall provide the following services and programs:

#### **Early Childhood Provider Capacity-Building Grant Program.**

Establish a program designed to increase the number of designated “high-quality” early childhood education providers in the City of South Bend, and by so doing also increase the number of State-funded early childhood education scholarships available to children in the City of South Bend. Program goals are to: a) provide financial and technical support for eligible providers to implement service improvements that will positively impact quality ratings on the Indiana “Paths to Quality” rating system. Service improvements can include physical space improvements, tuition funding for teachers, materials, and other expenditures deemed appropriate by the Organization in coordination with the City; b) prioritize providers in areas of South Bend with limited access to high-quality early childhood education; c) monitor Program impact on providers and South Bend early childhood landscape. The program shall require:

- (1) A maximum of one grant per provider.
- (2) The maximum grant shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), unless by the express permission of the City.
- (3) To be eligible, the subject provider must have proper insurance and proper licensing.
- (4) Specific Program guidelines must be finalized, which clearly establish the grant process, requirements and schedule.
- (5) No funds may be disbursed for a grant unless pursuant to a written contract which provides for default conditions consistent with the program guidelines and clearly establishes remedies for instances of default.

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INTERNAL USE ONLY: Project ID: PROJ \_\_\_\_\_;

Total Amount – New Project Budget Appropriation \$ \_\_\_\_\_;

Total Amount – Existing Project Budget Change (increase or decrease) \$ \_\_\_\_\_;

Funding Limits: Engineering: \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Other Prof Serv Amt \$ \_\_\_\_\_;

Acquisition of Land/Bldg (circle one) Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Street Const Amt \$ \_\_\_\_\_;

Building Imp Amt \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Sewers Amt \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Other (specify) Amt \$ \_\_\_\_\_