



CITY OF SOUTH BEND

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Redevelopment Commission Agenda Item

DATE: March 24, 2022
FROM: Santiago Garces
SUBJECT: Funding Request: United Way 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

*Funds are subject to the City Controller's determination of availability; if funds are unavailable, as solely determined by the City Controller, then the authorization of the expenditure of such funds shall be void and of no effect.

Purpose of Request: Disbursement of funds for programmatic collaboration between City of South Bend and United Way of St Joseph County

Specifics: Requesting \$200K from Redevelopment Commission-controlled Pokagon fund

Request for funding is related to the continued strategic partnership between the City of South Bend and the United Way of St. Joseph County that aspires to make affordable, high-quality childcare available community-wide. Support for pathways of credentialing entry-level support professionals, additional grant-writing capacity, and continued support for the United Way's Quality Improvement Grants program will help us move toward those unified goals.

The UW Quality Improvement Grants program was designed to increase the number of designated "high-quality" early childhood education providers within 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.

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INTERNAL USE ONLY: Project ID: _____;

Total Amount – New Project Budget Appropriation \$200,000 _____;

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 \$ _____