



## EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION 20150513-006biii

Date: May 13, 2015

Subject: Passages Program Funding

Motioned By: Brook Son

Seconded By: Laura Koenig

### **Recommendation**

*The Early Childhood Council recommends that City Council identify and allocate on-going funding (\$160,000) beginning Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to protect families in the Passages Program from loss of child care. The Early Childhood Council also recommends that City Council consider the unique nature of the population served by the Passages Program which includes a very vulnerable population of homeless families.*

### **Description of Recommendation to Council**

*Support the Early Childhood Council's recommendation to identify \$160,000 of on-going funding for the Passages Program. Passages is a program for the homeless and people on the verge of eviction. Five Travis County Texas organizations work together with the Salvation Army to coordinate housing and supportive services for homeless single adults and families. The program offers subsidized child care to families with children under 12 years old as part of the supportive services. Child care is an essential component in moving families to greater housing and economic stability.*

### **Rationale:**

*HUD is phasing out the category of funding (Supportive Services Only) that has supported Passages child care funding for the last 19 years. In July 2016, the Passages Program will have to shift status to the category of Rapid Re-Housing and reallocate much of its service dollars to rental assistance. Since the total amount of the budget cannot be increased, supportive services such as subsidized child care will have to be funded from sources other than HUD.*

### **Vote**

For: Kyle Holder, Jacquie Porter, Albert Black, Larry Elsner, Aletha Huston, Dustin Breithaupt, Brook Son, Laura Koenig, Rhonda Paver

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cindy Rojas Rodriguez, Avis Wallace, Debra Keith-Thompson, Anurita Mitra

Attest: Kyle Holder, Early Childhood Council, Chair