



## Recommendation for Action

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6/11/2020

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize ratification of a contract with United Way of Greater Austin to administer the Childcare Fund grant program to disburse emergency funds to childcare facilities in need of relief as a result of COVID-19 pandemic in amount not to exceed \$120,000 with an option to amend and extend the term and administrative fee should additional grant funds become available to administer.

### **Lead Department**

Economic Development.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

May 7, 2020 - Approved Resolution 20200507-023 directing the City Manager to develop an initial program directed towards sustaining small and local non-profit organizations and businesses using a portion of federal dollars designated for pandemic-related relief, and partner in the creation of a regional Economic Response Dashboard.

June 4, 2020 - Approved Resolution 20200604-40 adopting the COVID-19 proposed spending framework for the use of all available federal and local funding that leverages and maximizes the benefit of federal COVID-19 relief funding and local funding.

June 4, 2020 - Approved a Resolution 20200604-049 authorizing the City Manager to review the process for providing direct financial relief to underserved communities based on the RISE Fund framework and to adjust that process to streamline the intake and management of the funding for the benefit of the individuals being served; and directing the City Manager to return with a budget amendment if necessary to add funding to the RISE Fund.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

In response to financial hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Austin City Council established the Childcare Support Program. Following the City Council's direction, the City of Austin Economic Development Department (EDD) sought a third-party non-profit to administer these relief programs. EDD evaluated third parties based on their experience providing direct program delivery and administration assistance, including managing Local, State, Federal or private funding to assist in grant administration.

The Contractor will provide administrative oversight, facilitation, and holistic program delivery to in issuing recovery grants to eligible grant applicants of programs.

The deliverables and activities within this Scope of Work shall be hands-on and may require the Contractor to

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administer activities during nontraditional hours. The Contractor shall exhibit flexibility in working to achieve the goals of the Scope of Work. The program contractual responsibilities will be deployed in a safe manner and in accordance with social distancing standards. Funds will provide temporary, immediate and equitably focused financial assistance to childcare centers and family care providers, a targeted population for relief funding.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.