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AUSTIN/TRAVIS COALITION

**STRATEGIC PLAN | 2019-2023**





# ARPA INVESTMENTS

PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CHILD CARE FUNDING TO ADDRESS GAP CREATED FOR FAMILIES DUE TO CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Original request: \$6M

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\* Increase funding for Continuity of Care Program

Workforce Solutions Capital Area - Continuity of Care Expansion

City: \$1,965,104 - Anticipated Council Action March 24

County: \$906,399 - in process

Prioritize funding for infants/toddlers on subsidy waitlist,  
Additional priority populations: training programs, Travis County (outside COA)



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Workforce Solutions Capital Area - Child Care Access  
Family & Community Engagement Navigator & Supervisor

City: \$370,588 - Anticipated Council Action March 24

County: \$168,233 - in process

Funds to provide the Child Care Subsidy Contractor with the necessary staffing support to more efficiently and effectively connect families with low-income who are in need of child care services in Travis County to child care providers with child care service openings



# ARPA INVESTMENTS

STABILIZING THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE

Original request: \$1M

Wage Supplements & Tuition Supports

## Workforce Solutions Capital Area - Child Care Essential Worker Premium Pay

City: \$765,945 - Anticipated Council Action March 24

County: \$385,785 - in process

Expand the Jeannette Watson Wage Supplement to include awards for professionals with a Child Development Associate credential (CDA); provide an annual premium pay wage stipend for two years to Jeannette Watson recipients in addition to their Jeannette Watson award. Annual premium pay wage stipends will also be provided to non-credentialed essential child care professionals (including center support staff, such as cooks and cleaners) with tenure in the child care sector.

## Tuition Support through T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Texas Scholarship Program

City: \$157,000 - pending Council Action (April 2022?)

Additional wrap-around supports to early childhood professionals who are pursuing higher education in the early childhood field: includes completion bonuses after the first semester, second semester, and upon contract completion; commitment bonuses; and quality staff retention incentives for sponsoring centers.



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QUALITY CARE MEETING THE NEEDS OF ALL FAMILIES

Original request: \$2.2M

\*PreK Partnerships Hub

\*Family-Based Child Care Networks

## **PreK Partnerships Hub**

City: \$713K - contract with United Way ATX, slated to begin 2/4

County: \$300K anticipated - Competitive Procurement Pending

As of Jan 2022: 13 partners with contracts, 10 classrooms, 93 children co-enrolled

City contract includes \$112K for PKP teacher stipends

*Additional potential investments from TWC in 2022 with state ARPA funds to support/scale*



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## **Family-Based Child Care Networks**

City: \$500K - subcontract from UWATX to AVANCE, Inc. planned; slated to begin 2/4

County: \$208K anticipated - Competitive Procurement Pending

In 2021, AVANCE supported 35 FBCC programs. 12 were informal providers (all are applying for Licensing/Registration), 5 have applied for TRS (additional 2 are TRS4) and 10 had contracts for subsidies. Includes supporting new cohorts and alumni network



# ARPA INVESTMENTS

PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS IDENTIFIED GAPS & TO STRENGTHEN THE CHILD CARE SYSTEM

Original request: \$2.5M

\*SHARED SERVICES ALLIANCE

\*NONTRADITIONAL HOUR CARE

## **Shared Services Alliance**

City: \$750K - contract with United Way ATX; slated to begin 2/4

County: \$312K anticipated - Competitive Procurement pending

Program Manager hired, co-design team selected, consultants selected, ultimate goal 40 child care centers participating.

Goal: Tech-enabled business supports (back office), bulk purchasing,

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## **Nontraditional Hour Care - Study & Pilots**

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County: \$208K anticipated - Competitive Procurement pending

United Way ATX has requested scope & bids for local analysis of demand/potential demand from 2 entities.

Seed pilots or possible policy solutions to better connect supply & demand





# ARPA INVESTMENTS

STABILIZE PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT FAMILIES OUTSIDE FULL TIME CHILD CARE

Original request: \$250K

Increase social services contract with Ready Families Collaborative

## **Ready Families Collaborative**

City: \$177,083 - pending Council Action (April 2022?)

County: (included in City amount)

The Collaborative will provide premium pay to those home visiting and parent education providers who are providing in-person services and who have taken on additional workload due to the impacts of the pandemic. In addition, the Collaborative will use ARPA funds to add a temporary position that will focus on increasing referrals and client engagement among the Collaborative



# ARPA INVESTMENTS

## EXPAND ACCESS TO FULL-DAY PRE-K

Original request: \$1.5M  
Del Valle ISD

City: \$750K - Contract Executed

County: \$250K - Pending contract approvals

Expanding access for children of families that do not qualify based on state income eligibility guidelines but cannot afford tuition-based pre-K.

Anticipated: 5-9 dual language full day PreK4, 1:10 ratio, max 20 students



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Original request: \$1.5M  
Austin ISD

City: \$902,075, pending Council Approval

Scope of Work negotiations in progress

Full day Pre-K3, 5 classrooms



# ARPA INVESTMENTS

## EXPANSION & EVALUATION OF FAMILY CONNECTS

Original request: \$3.54M

### **Family Connects Evaluation**

City: \$325K contract with United Way ATX for evaluation

County: N/A

Evaluation will coincide with Ascension Seton expansion

Initial data collection from 3/1-6/30

Odd/Even birthdays for randomization – same as Durham design

Evaluation focused on local outcomes building off of the original research, including more emphasis on ROI for health care payer

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