

1/26 Item 55 – Childcare

Council Member Velasquez Amendment

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Council directs the City Manager to create an economic development grant program for qualifying childcare operations to pay for City fees assessed when opening or expanding a qualifying childcare operation.

1. The program shall be funded in a pre-determined amount per fiscal year, with a cap on the total amount available per grant application.
 - a. The City Manager shall propose a cap on the total amount available per grant application and an overall cap on the total amount available per fiscal year.
 - b. The City Manager shall develop sufficient controls to ensure the money is used in a manner that satisfies the purpose of the program.
 - c. The City Manager shall establish criteria for equitable grant distribution throughout the City of Austin with focus on establishing childcare facilities in the 31 zip codes considered childcare deserts
 - d. The City Manager shall ensure that grant funding is prioritized for childcare facility employers that offer their employees a living wage, as set by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, or the City of Austin minimum wage as established by City Ordinance, whichever is higher.