



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors

DEPARTMENT: Pre-K 4 SA

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Kathy Bruck

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Competitive Grants Approval

SUMMARY:

This item includes a staff briefing and Board consideration of the entities receiving awards from the Pre-K 4 SA Competitive Grants Program with a cumulative value of up to \$4.2 million and approval of a template agreement for the grant program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Pre-K 4 SA competitive grants were approved during the original vote in 2012. The vision for these grants was to provide additional full-day and/or enhanced prekindergarten services in existing programs for 1,700 students per year. The RFP for the Competitive Education Grants for Pre-K Four Programs was released on November 6, 2015 and responses were due on December 18, 2015. A total of 23 entities submitted applications to be considered for grant funding.

The Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors conducted a work session on March 29, 2016 to discuss grant proposals and allow applying agencies to address the Board.

ISSUE:

To achieve the goal of increasing access to quality prekindergarten programs, Pre-K 4 SA's competitive grants will fund projects to expand or enhance educational opportunities for four-year-olds in San Antonio, especially

programs that target underserved students. Funding will be distributed among three groups: 1) public and charter schools, 2) private and parochial schools, and 3) childcare centers.

In order to award funding in these three categories, Pre-K 4 SA conducted a multi-stage evaluation process to review, score, and recommend applicants for funding:

- 1) Evaluation Committees: Three committees of education experts and community leaders were assembled to score proposals in the public/charter, private/parochial, and childcare center categories.
- 2) Interviews: Interviews were conducted with the finalists that were recommended by the evaluation committees.
- 3) Site visits: To address any remaining questions following the interview process, site visits were conducted to view the operations of the applicants prior to selection.
- 4) Executive Committee: Based on recommendations from the evaluation committees and results from the interviews and site visits, the Executive Committee selected the list of awardees and allocated funding to each awarded entity. The Executive Committee was comprised of: Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Kathy Bruck, Pre-K 4 SA CEO; and Ana Acevedo, CoSA Education Policy Administrator.

Based on this evaluation process, Pre-K 4 SA staff has identified 15 organizations across the three categories to recommend for funding at a value of \$4,205,302. Recommended agencies and awards include:

Awardee	Category	Grant Award*
North East ISD	Public/Charter	\$950,451
Northside ISD	Public/Charter	\$827,080
San Antonio ISD	Public/Charter	\$757,278
Harlandale ISD	Public/Charter	\$500,000
Edgewood ISD	Public/Charter	\$241,500
Southwest ISD	Public/Charter	\$131,250
Hope for the Future (Archdiocese)	Private/Parochial	\$358,743
St. Mary Magdalen School	Private/Parochial	\$109,000
Family Service Assoc.	Childcare Centers	\$90,000
Knowledge Universe Ed (Kindercare)	Childcare Centers	\$70,000
YMCA of Greater San Antonio	Childcare Centers	\$60,000
Daughters of Charity	Childcare Centers	\$50,000
La Petite Academy	Childcare Centers	\$20,000
Nite Owl Child Care	Childcare Centers	\$20,000
Summerlin Childcare & Learning Center	Childcare Centers	\$20,000
Total		\$4,205,302

**Childcare centers will receive the award value in a bundle of services, materials, and professional development*

To implement the grant awards, a contract template agreement for each category will be utilized with all awarded agencies. Public/charter and private/parochial awardees will receive grant award in the form of reimbursements. Pre-K 4 SA will purchase and donate all materials and services to provide childcare centers with the value of awards. The contract template agreements are included in the Attached Resolution. After awardees are approved, Pre-K 4 SA staff will work with the awarded agencies to develop individualized attachments to the contracts that will include the scope of work, budget, and performance metrics.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the Board does not approve the recommended awardees, the contract start date of July 1, 2016 may be delayed and students and teachers will not be able to receive services at the start of the 2016-17 school year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for these grant awards is available in the FY 2017 Pre-K 4 SA Proposed Budget contingent upon approval by the Board of Directors and City Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends for the Board to approve the 15 recommended awardees, the award amounts, and the template contract agreements that will be utilized with all awarded agencies.