



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: Sarah Baray, Ph.D.

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Competitive Grants

SUMMARY:

This item includes a briefing and Board discussion of Pre-K 4 SA Competitive Grants awardees to include the staff recommendation to fund various organizations for a total of \$4.2 million with anticipated Board approval on March 6, 2018.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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 evaluate and 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 finalized the list of awardees and funding recommendations.

Based on this evaluation process, Pre-K 4 SA staff has identified 23 organizations across the three categories to recommend for funding at a value of \$4.2 million. The Board will vote to approve the awardees during the March 6, 2018 Board meeting.

This item will contain a briefing on the awarded organizations and a Board discussion/work session of the recommended proposals.

ISSUE:

This item is a briefing for informational purposes only.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is a briefing for informational purposes only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending the Board consider the proposed grant awardees at the March 6, 2018 Board meeting.