



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 Renewal

SUMMARY:

This item requests Board consideration to authorize Pre-K 4 SA staff to amend the Competitive Education Grant contracts with 20 awardees to increase the Year 2 grant value by \$4 million to an overall grant value not to exceed \$8.2 million for the 2018-2020 grant cycle.

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 enhance 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 September 18, 2017 and responses were due on October 27, 2017.

On June 3, 2018, the Board approved 23 awardees with a total grant value of \$4.3 million dollars. During Year 1 of the grant cycle the awardees decreased to 20 and the overall grant value decreased to \$4.2 million.

During the May 2019 Board session, Pre-K 4 SA CEO Dr. Sarah Baray presented to the Board of Directors the 20 awardees with renewal dollar amounts for each agency. The presentation included a high-level overview of projects each agency intends to fund for Year 2.

The contract amendments will increase the Year 2 grant value by \$4 million to an overall grant value not to exceed \$8.2 million during the 2018-2020 grant cycle. Pre-K 4 SA staff will implement Year 2 grant awards

and will work with awardees to ensure all projects are fully implemented. This will include a needs assessment process for child development centers and collaborating with public/charter and private/parochial schools to provide professional learning that will support grants purchases.

ISSUE:

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ALTERNATIVES:

If the Board does not approve the recommended awardees, the contract start date of July 1, 2019 may be delayed and students and teachers will not be able to receive services at the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for these grant awards is available in the FY 2020 Pre-K 4 SA approved budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

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