



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:

2020-2021 Competitive Grants Request for Proposals

SUMMARY:

This item includes a staff briefing of the 2020-21 Pre-K 4 SA Competitive Grants request for proposals application to award \$4,200,000 in funding to support high quality prekindergarten programs in public, charter, private, and parochial schools.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Pre-K 4 SA competitive grants were approved during the program authorization vote in 2012. The first Request for Proposals (RFP) was released in November 2015 and awarded \$8.4 million to fifteen agencies for the 2016-18 grant cycle. Additional grants were awarded during a second grant cycle (2018-20). Pre-K 4 SA is releasing a new Request for Proposals for the 2020-21 cycle for one year.

ISSUE:

Pre-K 4 SA intends to award approximately \$4.2 million in grant awards for the 2020-21 school year to educational organization across San Antonio with the goal of creating comprehensive, high quality early childhood education programs.

Eligible applicants may apply in the following two categories:

- A. Public ISDs/Charter Schools
- B. Accredited Private/Parochial Schools

The department intends to release the Competitive Grants Request for Proposals December 20, 2019. A committee of Pre-K 4 SA staff and external reviewers will evaluate the responses, and finalists will be recommended for approval from the Board of Directors during the May 2020 Board meeting. Contracts for awarded agencies will begin July 1, 2020.

This item will include an overview of the RFP concept, timeline, description of the grant program goals, eligibility criteria for the two categories, evaluation criteria, and details on the committee structure.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the Request for Proposals is not approved at the May 2020 Board of Directors meeting, the timeline for the RFP process will be delayed. Selected candidates require time to project plan and budget awarded funds into their FY 2021 budget. Delaying the timeline will constrain the ability to use grant funds as effectively as possible.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This item is budgeted into the Pre-K 4 SA annual budget. There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is a briefing for informational purposes only.