

## Stabilization Funds Report 2018

Stabilization funds were made available in 2018 in the amount of \$185,000. The following table summarizes the 2018 allocations for each program that applied:

<b>Center</b>	<b>2017 Budget Shortfall</b>	<b>2018 Projected Budget Shortfall</b>	<b>2017 FTE Enrollment</b>	<b>2017 Low Income FTE</b>	<b>Percent Low Income</b>	<b>2018 Allocation</b>
REACH Dane Arbor Hills	\$ 72,866	\$ 72,866	62	59	95%	\$ 21,900
REACH Dane East Madison	\$ 28,850	\$ 28,850	112	107	96%	\$ 8,700
REACH Dane Red Arrow	\$ 68,079	\$ 68,079	115	110	96%	\$ 20,400
REACH Dane South Madison	\$ 26,639	\$ 26,650	54	52	96%	\$ 8,000
REACH Dane Wee Start	\$ 84,831	\$ 84,850	33	32	97%	\$ 25,500
		\$ 281,295		360		
						\$ 84,500
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Animal Crackers	\$ 7,712	\$ 25,000	92	80	87%	\$ 21,700
Creek Day School	\$ 6,063	\$ 3,744	36	17	47%	\$ 1,800
Goodman Center	\$ 55,824	\$ 60,000	217	183	84%	\$ 47,600
Madison College	\$ 13,995	\$ 32,700	43	17	40%	\$ 12,900
Red Caboose	\$ 45,680	\$ 14,016	71	28	39%	\$ 5,500
The Playing Field	\$ 31,594	\$ 20,000	68	34	50%	\$ 10,000
YMCA East	\$ 3,411	\$ 4,150	105	24	23%	\$ 1,000
		\$ 159,610		383		\$ 100,500
						\$ 185,000

Thirteen sites applied for funding and 12 were eligible and awarded funding for 2018. The average award was \$15,400, but awards ranged from \$1,000 to \$47,600. The following factors were taken into account when allocating funds:

- Allocations were based on three factors: the percentage of children who are from low income families, the center's other available funding sources, and the center's projected budget shortfall for 2018.
- For REACH Dane, programs are awarded approximately 30% of what they requested.
- For all other centers, the center's budget shortfall was multiplied by the percentage of children from low income families in care to get a base amount.
- Finally, reviewer discretion allowed for some movement of funds based on quality of applications, city-funded children served and request amount.

## **Summary from 2017 Reports on Stabilization Funds**

In 2017, we were able to do two rounds of Stabilization funding for a total of \$205,000 awarded to 12 programs. The average award was just over \$17,000. The awards ranged from \$2,000-34,000. Below are some highlights from the reports we received at the end of 2017 and the applications for 2018.

### *How do you intend to use Stabilization Funds?*

- To cover unanticipated changes in co-pays that families face in Wisconsin Shares. We are now facing new challenges with the EBT debit card system and the lack of ability for the families to change or request increases mid-month.
- To cover a family's inability to pay for tuition when they experience the "cliff effect."
- We recognize the effort that our student-families put into trying to meet their educational goals, in order to make a better life for their children. This allows them to continue to attend their classes in order to better the lives of themselves and their children.
- To cover the unanticipated cost of serving children who lose their Head Start funding when they turn three years old.

### *What impact do these funds have?*

- It allows us to serve more low income families without taking a major budgetary hit that would impact our ability to stay afloat.
- This allows us to serve the student-families who are not eligible for Wisconsin Shares because they are in class but not working enough hours to qualify for Wisconsin Shares.
- They help us fulfill our mission to serve low income families and keep our rates reasonable for those families.
- This allows our parents to maintain their current employment, participate in job training programs to secure new employment, seek stable housing and provide a high quality care for their children.

### *If more funding were available, what impact would that have?*

- Provide more scholarships to families experiencing life challenges.
- Increase wages or allow for more staff to cover classrooms. This would create a more competitive position in terms of recruitment and retention of staff.
- Send more staff to more training.
- Hire more staff to improve staff to child ratios, in line with trauma informed care.