



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution accepts the Community Development Division's (CDD) proposed Family Child Care Accreditation System Request for Proposals (RFP) and authorizes CDD to conduct an RFP process and bring recommendations to the Council at the conclusion of the process, prior to awarding a contract. CDD will formulate funding allocation recommendations to be presented to the Mayor and Common Council for use beginning in 2018. Release of this RFP assumes continuation of support at the current service level with a new contract established beginning January 1, 2018. The proposed RFP process will allocate City General Fund dollars for 2018 in the amount of up to \$245,567. It is anticipated that this contract would continue for 3-5 years, contingent upon funding availability and contractor performance.

Title

Accepting the Community Development Division's (CDD) proposed Family Child Care Accreditation System Request for Proposals, and authorizing the CDD to conduct the RFP process and formulate funding allocation recommendations to the Mayor and Common Council for use beginning in 2018.

Body

WHEREAS, the Community Development Division, in consultation with the Early Childhood Care and Education Committee, is responsible for formulating recommendations to the Mayor and Common Council regarding the use of City administered resources budgeted for ensuring the quality and availability of child care, including accreditation of family child care programs; and

WHEREAS, MGO 3.12(10)(c)1.f. states that, for the purposes of accreditation, if a child care program is categorized as a family child care program, that program shall be affiliated with a larger umbrella organization which meets organizational prerequisites outlined in MGO 3.12(10)(c)1.a-e.; and

WHEREAS, the existing contract for family child care accreditation system services between the City and REACH Dane is proposed to expire on December 31, 2017, and the funds currently used to support it (\$245,567) made available through and RFP process; and

WHEREAS, accreditation, quality improvement consultation, evaluation, parent referrals, and training are necessary services to maintaining and improving the quality of child care in Madison; and

WHEREAS, a subcommittee of the Early Childhood Care and Education Committee met in early 2017 and identified priorities to support serving both infants and children from low to moderate income families in high quality care; and

WHEREAS, priorities identified by the Early Childhood Care and Education sub-committee, including expansion and maintenance of family child care provider quality, are included in the proposed RFP; and

WHEREAS, the City has committed up to \$50,000 within the current family child care accreditation system contract to maintain and expand care in the Northside Early Childhood Zone as part of the public-private partnership with the Rennebohm Foundation, Dane County, United Way of Dane County and the Madison Metropolitan School District; and

WHEREAS, work to support the Northside Early Childhood Zone work is incorporated into the proposed RFP.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council authorizes the CDD's staff to conduct the

Family Child Care Accreditation System Request for Proposals, and authorizes the CDD to accept proposals from service organizations in response to that RFP, and formulate funding allocation recommendations to be presented to the Mayor and Common Council for use beginning in 2018.