



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2554, Agenda Item #: 23.

7/29/2020

Posting Language

Approve a resolution amending the Resolution No. 20200507-023 criteria for the Childcare Fund to remove the 2-star rating and to allow businesses to apply that have received SBA Paycheck Protection Program funding.

Lead Department

Economic Development.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

May 7, 2020 - Approved Resolution 20200507-023 directing the City Manager to develop an initial program directed towards sustaining small and local non-profit organizations and businesses using a portion of federal dollars designated for pandemic-related relief, and partner in the creation of a regional Economic Response Dashboard.

June 4, 2020 - Approved Resolution 20200604-040 adopting the COVID-19 proposed spending framework for the use of all available federal and local funding that leverages and maximizes the benefit of federal COVID-19 relief funding and local funding.

June 4, 2020 - Approved Resolution [20200604-049 <https://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=341189>](https://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=341189) authorizing the City Manager to review the process for providing direct financial relief to underserved communities based on the RISE Fund framework and to adjust that process to streamline the intake and management of the funding for the benefit of the individuals being served; and directing the City Manager to return with a budget amendment if necessary to add funding to the RISE Fund.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

In response to financial hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Austin City Council established the Childcare Support Program. To achieve equity and to distribute funds as widely as possible, the following changes are requested: include childcare centers that have begun the Texas Rising Star Assessment and centers that have received federal PPP funding but still have uncovered COVID-related expenses.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.