

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 18, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **August 23, 2023 Upcoming Agenda Item #22 –23-1855–Authorize Contracts with Fully-licensed Childcare Providers Participating In the Early Childhood and Out-of-School Time Services (ECOSTS) Program**

On August 23, 2023, the following Office of Community Care item will be considered by City Council:

Item #22: Authorize **(1)** contracts with fully-licensed childcare providers, and with any other fully-licensed childcare providers, pursuant to the Early Childhood and Out-of-School Time Services Program (the “ECOSTS Program”), selected by eligible parents whose income falls in the low-to moderate income range of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Area Median Income (AMI) criteria and who otherwise meet the requirements of the ECOSTS Program and execute any and all documents required by the contract **(2)** approval of the ECOSTS Policy and Procedures for Parents (Subsidy Program Only), for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 - Not to exceed \$550,000.00 - Financing: 2022-23 Community Development Block Grant Fund.

Background

The Early Childhood and Out-of-School Time Services (ECOSTS) Program, administered by the Office of Community Care, promotes stability for low-to-moderate-income working parents and teen parents who are full-time high school students by reducing the cost of childcare to enable them to strive for self-sufficiency. Approximately 290 children will be served in the FY23-24 program year, through the subsidy and homeless/special needs programs.

The ECOSTS Program pays (see subsidy amount below) per week, per child, directly to contracted childcare providers for childcare services for working parents whose income falls in the low-to-moderate-income range of HUD Area Median Income (AMI) eligibility.

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Subsidy Amounts per Age Group	
Age	Weekly Payment
0-17 months	\$150.00*
18 months - 35 months	\$125.00*
36- months - 71 months	100.00*
72 months - 12 years	75.00*
13 years +	
* Not to exceed the weekly childcare center's contract rate.	

The ECOSTS Program also provides programs for special populations, which may include daycare for special needs children, children who are homeless, children with disabilities and children who are affected/infected by HIV/AIDS via contracts with nonprofit agencies.

The following chart illustrates the income range which is 30-80% of Area Median Income (AMI), as of June 15, 2023.

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Extremely Low</u> (30%)	<u>Low Income</u> (50%)	<u>Moderate Income</u> (80%)
1	\$27,100.00	\$36,100.00	\$57,750.00
2	\$24,800.00	\$41,250.00	\$66,000.00
3	\$27,900.00	\$46,400.00	\$74,250.00
4	\$30,950.00	\$51,500.00	\$82,500.00
5	\$35,140.00	\$55,700.00	\$89,100.00
6	\$40,280.00	\$59,800.00	\$95,700.00
7	\$45,420.00	\$63,950.00	\$102,300.00
8	\$50,560.00	\$68,050.00	\$108,900.00

The ECOSTS Program pays 100% of the cost for childcare for teen parents who are enrolled in high school full-time. Once approved, eligible parents would be able to select a childcare provider.

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This item will allow the City to enter into contracts with fully-licensed childcare service providers, including current provider partners, and will also allow the City to enter into contracts with other fully-licensed childcare providers that are selected by eligible parents subsequent to the passage of the resolution, as long as the childcare provider meets the requirements of the ECOSTS Program.

As of June 30, 2023, 235 clients have been served through the ECOSTS Program.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Jessica Galleshaw, Director of Office of Community Care, at 214-670-5113 or Jessica.Galleshaw@dallas.gov.



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