



MEMORANDUM

TO: Trustees

FROM: Marcia Hayes-Harris, Program Committee Member **BOARD ACTION REQUIRED**

DATE: May 9, 2025

SUBJECT: FY26 Community Children’s Services – Early Childhood Funding Project Grants and Partnerships

The attached resolution authorizes FY26 funding for project and partnership grants from the **Community Children’s Services – Early Childhood Fund**, up to a maximum of **\$2,860,949**.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**AUTHORIZING FY26 COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S SERVICES – EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND
PROJECT GRANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis, Missouri has levied taxes pursuant to the laws of the State of Missouri Sections 210.860 – 210.861 RSMo. (2005 and 2020) to fund the Community Children's Services Fund (CCSF) and the Board is entrusted with administering this fund; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal process was conducted with MHB Staff supporting the review process during which Trustees and Community Reviewers participated in four Joint Review Teams to evaluate and determine rankings for each application received; and

WHEREAS, FY26 tax revenues are estimated to be sufficient to cover the recommended funding awards presented on the **attached spreadsheet**;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Trustees authorize and direct the Board Chair and Executive Director to enter into contracts with the organizations listed on the **attached spreadsheet** for funding in FY26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) up to the amounts specified for each, not to exceed a maximum of **\$2,860,949**.

APPROVED THIS 15th DAY OF MAY 2025

Board Chair/Officer Name (printed):	Signature:
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ATTEST:

Board Officer Name (printed):	Signature:
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FY26 Community Children's Services - Early Childhood Fund Project Grants and Partnerships

Currently Funded	Organization	Project	FY26 Recommended Funding	Notes
Tier 1 Early Childhood Applications ranked number 1, number 2, or number 3 in alphabetical order from each of the four Joint Review Teams				
	Cornerstone Center for Early Learning Inc.	Saint Louis MHB and Play Therapy at Cornerstone: A winning combination for STL City Children!	\$ -	In partnership with the Episcopal Presbyterian Health Trust (EPHT) managed by the St. Louis Community Foundation, MHB recommends and EPHT will consider funding this project directly outside MHB's FY26 - 28 CCSF - EC competitive process in the full amount of the organization's \$30K request
Yes \$191,906	Flace Management, Inc. DBA Flance Early Learning Center	SMILE - Social Emotional Mindfulness for Inclusive Learning in Early Education	\$ 213,113	FY26 funding recommendation represents a \$74,407 increase over FY25
	Guardian Angel Settlement Association	Early Childhood Mental Healthcare	\$ 99,634	
Yes \$139,402	Miriam Foundation DBA Miriam School and Learning Center	Early Childhood Mental health Consultation Program (ECMHC)	\$ 213,809	FY26 funding represents a \$74,407 increase over FY25
Yes \$352,115	Nurses for Newborns	Nurses for Newborns Home Visiting	\$ 366,675	FY26 funding recommendation represents a \$14,560 increase over FY25
Previously funded in FY19 - 22 CCSF cycle	Our Little Haven	Early Childhood Mental Health Services	\$ 83,083	FY26 funding recommendation represents a decrease of \$203,417 from the FY22 funding award of \$286,500
Yes \$221,445	Parents as Teachers National Center	PAT: Strengthening Social-Emotional Health in Early Childhood	\$ 224,352	FY26 funding recommendation represents a \$2,907 increase over FY25
Yes \$154,659	Southside Early Childhood Center	Flourishing Minds	\$ 193,170	FY26 funding recommendation represents a \$38,511 increase over FY25
	St. Louis Arc	Embedded Early Education in St. Louis City	\$ 100,000	
	Urban Sprouts	Social-Emotional Learning for All	\$ 100,000	Applicant requested \$188,425 however the proposed project is new for the organization, meaning that it does not currently exist and therefore the maximum funding available to award for year 1 is \$100K per the current MHB Community Investment Policies.
Total FY26 - 28 CCSF - Early Childhood Funding Recommendations			\$ 1,593,836	

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Currently Funded	Organization	Project	FY26 Recommended Funding	Notes
Tier 2 Early Childhood Applications ranked number 4 or 5 from each of the four Joint Review Teams				
	Almost Home	Mental Health Support for Teen Mothers and their Children Ages 0-5	\$ 145,840	
	United 4 Children	SEEC: Little Learners, Big Feelings	\$ 249,970	
	The Washington University	Using a media based intervention to enhance the social emotional development of young children	\$ 161,034	
	Unleashing Potential	Social Emotional Learning that Promotes Healthy Lifestyles	\$ 190,294	
	UMSL - Children's Advocacy Services of Greater St. Louis	SOS: Starting Off Strong	\$ 94,112	
Total FY26 CCSF - Early Childhood Tier 2 Funding Requested			\$ 841,250	
FY26 CCSF - Early Childhood Professional Development Partnership				
	S.T.A.R. (Staff Coaching, Training, Advocacy & Resources) for Early Childhood Educators, Inc.	STAR Ignites Collaborative	\$ 350,000	Applicant's total request was \$750K. Following review by the MHB Program Committee, a reduction in funding with some programmatic changes is requested.
Total FY26 CCSF - Early Childhood Professional Development Partnership			\$ 350,000	

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Currently Funded	Organization	Project	FY26 Recommended Funding	Notes
Early Childhood Funding Opportunity		Board Allocated Funding	FY26 Recommended Funding Award Totals	Funding Balance Available for Re-Allocation
	FY26 Social Emotional Development for Children Allocation	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,493,836	\$ 6,164
	FY26 Professional Development for Childcare Providers Partnership Allocation	\$ 750,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 400,000
	FY26 Mental Health Education for Parents/Caregivers Partnership Allocation	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000
Total FY26 CCSF - Early Childhood Funding Allocated		\$ 2,750,000	\$ 1,843,836	\$ 906,164
	Option A - Total funding available \$1,500,000	Option B - Re-allocate \$100,000 from MH Education for Parents/Caregiver Partnership Allocation not to be awarded	Option C - Re-allocate \$500,000 from MH Education for Parents/Caregiver Partnership Allocation not to be awarded	Option D - Re-allocate \$500,000 from MH Education for Parents/Caregiver Partnership Allocation not to be awarded, \$400,000 from Professional Development for Childcare Providers Partnership not to be awarded, and an additional \$36,000 from available CCSF - EC funding
	Fund 9 applications Flance Early Learning - St. Louis ARC totaling \$1,493,836	Fund 10 applications Flance Early Learning - Urban Sprouts totaling \$1,593,836	Fund 12 applications Flance Early Learning - United 4 Children totaling \$1,989,646	Fund 15 applications Flance Early Learning - UMSL Children's Advocacy Services of Greater St. Louis totaling \$2,435,086
	Total Option A = \$1,493,836	Total Option B = \$1,593,836	Total Option C = \$1,989,646	Total Option D = \$2,435,086
FY26 CCSF - Early Childhood Partnership				
25-033P	Missouri Child Care Resource and Referral Network DBA Child Care Aware of Missouri	Telehealth/Mental Health for Childcare Workers	\$ 75,863	18-month pilot project (January 2025 - June 2026) totaling \$107,468 funded by CCSF - EC Emerging Needs in FY25
Total FY26 CCSF - Early Childhood Partnership			\$ 75,863	

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Currently Funded	Organization	Project	FY26 Recommended Funding	Notes
Tier 3 Early Childhood Applications which did not rank in top 3 from each of the four Joint Review Teams				
	Ignite Hope	Little Sparks	\$ 188,720	Not recommended
	Empowher 2 Move	Bridges to Resilience	\$ 100,062	Not recommended
	Haven of Light School of Mental Health	All Hands In-Early Childhood	\$ 209,950	Not recommended
Yes \$110,134	Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri	Early Childhood Counseling	\$ 141,113	Not recommended
	Vaughn Tenant Association Community Development Organization	STL Child And Family Strong Initiative	\$ 537,351	Not recommended
	Midtown Neighborhood Opportunities Corporation	Family PRIDE Early Childhood Assessments	\$ 17,230	Not recommended
	Vision for Children at Risk Inc	LEAP (Learning Everything at Pace) Ahead STL	\$ 189,463	Not recommended
Yes \$129,993	Ready Readers	Supporting Literacy and Social Emotional Development in St. Louis City Preschoolers	\$ 216,095	Not recommended
	The Favored Foundation for Strengthening Families	Good Shepherd Academy for Boys - Young Boys Healthy Start	\$ 230,965	Not recommended
	Better Family Life, Inc.	MY FIRST FEELINGS	\$ 211,533	Not recommended
Total FY26 CCSF - Early Childhood Applications Not Recommended			\$ 2,042,482	
Early Childhood Partnership Applications Not Recommended				
	Gateway Early Childhood Alliance (St. Louis Community Foundation fiscal sponsor)	Enhancing Early Childhood Accreditation in St. Louis through Collaborative Professional Development	\$ 598,505	Not recommended - FY26 - 28 Professional Development for Childcare Providers Partnership
	Gateway Homeless Services, Inc. (Gateway 180)	Gateway 180 Mental Health Matters	\$ 155,692	Not recommended - Application did not meet criteria for consideration for the FY26 - 28 Early Childhood Mental Health Education for Parents/Caregivers Partnership
	Logos Worship Center Inc.	Rooted in Care: Building Social-Emotional Strength in Early Childhood	\$ 29,650	Not recommended - Application did not meet criteria for consideration for the FY26 - 28 Early Childhood Professional Development for Childcare Providers Partnership
	Unleashing Potential	United Neighborhood Centers' Early Childhood Professional Development Collaborative	\$ 750,000	Not recommended - FY26 - 28 Professional Development for Childcare Providers Partnership
Total FY26 CCSF - Early Childhood Partnership Applications Not Recommended			\$ 1,533,847	