

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-177

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA 1) ALLOCATING \$2,000,000.00 OF CARES ACT FUNDING IN THE GENERAL FUND RESERVES FOR A CHILDCARE SUPPORT PILOT PROGRAM; 2) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A SERVICE AGREEMENT 2021-025-00 WITH FIRST 5 COMMISSION FOR GRANT FUNDING TO CHILDCARE CENTERS AND FAMILY CHILDCARE BUSINESSES; AND 3) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY CHILD CARE COUNCIL SONOMA COUNTY TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND SUPPORT FOR CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

WHEREAS, recent research indicates about half of the 4.5 million childcare spots in the country could be permanently lost because of the COVID-19 pandemic, causing an economic ripple effect for parents leaving the workforce to care for children, with the potential to disproportionately affect women,; and

WHEREAS, Since March 2020, approximately 30% of home-based providers and 60% of center-based childcare providers in Sonoma County are inactive or have permanently closed; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma County entered the pandemic with a deficit of providers that was compounded by the 2017 wildfire loss of 15 licensed programs which displaced 444 children, and subsequent additional teacher retirements and career changes; and

WHEREAS, approximately 66% of all currently open programs throughout the County operate within Santa Rosa city limits, with only a portion of them in a position to accept new students; and

WHEREAS, now, due to the pandemic, childcare programs face declining revenue, increased costs and an increased risk of closure given the (a) physical distancing requirements necessitating limited enrollment while increasing staffing; (b) significantly altered scheduling and facility use; and (c) cost of increased training, facility improvements and supplies required to maintain safe spaces for children and teachers; and

WHEREAS, the mission of First 5 Sonoma County is to maximize the healthy development of all Sonoma county children from the prenatal stage through age five through support, education, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the goal of First 5 Sonoma County's Child Care Resiliency Fund is to ensure that childcare businesses remain open or re-open in the midst of the public health emergency to safely serve working family needs now and enabling the businesses for continued success in the future; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Community Child Care Council (4Cs) Sonoma County is to provide access to quality childcare and early education in Sonoma County through advocacy, direct services, and empowerment; and

WHEREAS, 4Cs' Child Care Initiative Project recruits and delivers trainings and support to prospective family childcare providers, and offers disaster trainings and preparedness kits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa allocates \$2,000,000.00 in CARES Act funds from the General Fund Reserves for a Childcare Support Pilot Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and execute a Service Agreement 2021-025-00 with First 5 Sonoma County Commission in an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000.00 for funding grants to childcare providers, a current draft of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and execute a Professional Services Agreement with Community Child Care Council Sonoma County in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to provide training and support to childcare providers, a current draft of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 27th day of October, 2020.

AYES: (7) Mayor Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Fleming, Council Members Dowd, Olivares, Rogers, Sawyer, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

Exhibit A – Service Agreement 2021-025-00 by and between First 5 Sonoma County Commission and City of Santa Rosa (Current Draft)

Exhibit B – Professional Services Agreement with Community Child Care Council Sonoma County (Current Draft)