

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHILD CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF SAN MATEO COUNTY FOR A TERM OF MARCH 8, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$870,000 OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO FUND 87 GRANTS UNDER THE FAMILY CHILD CARE INFANT & TODDLER EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, since its emergence in early 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted public health and the economy on a global scale, in the country and in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 public health emergency has both caused and magnified negative impacts on residents of San Mateo County, including with regard to public health; mental health and emotional development; food and housing insecurity; economic dislocation and small business viability; and childcare, among other areas; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic continues to pose risks to public health and continues to cause negative impacts for the communities and there remains the need to respond to those risks and impacts and to undertake measure to assist in recovery from the negative public health and economic impacts of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of childcare in San Mateo County, particularly care for infants and toddlers who are most often cared for in family daycare homes, and this need was further exacerbated by the impacts of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, providing and expanding access to licensed childcare is responsive to the negative impacts of the pandemic and will benefit children, families, and our local economy, as the lack of access to childcare impacts parents' ability to participate in the workforce and limits exposure the youngest children have to social-emotional and early learning enrichment which can widen the opportunity gap and increase inequities among students; and

WHEREAS, in November 2021, the Child Care Coordinating Council of San Mateo County (4Cs) opened its Family Child Care Infant and Toddler Grant ("Family Child Care Grant") program overseen by Build Up, the childcare expansion initiative housed within 4Cs, offering \$10,000 grants to help providers in San Mateo County sustain their businesses and build capacity to serve more infants and toddlers; and

WHEREAS, more grant applications were received than there was funding available, providing an opportunity for the County to support additional grants; and

WHEREAS, the County was allocated by the United States government \$148,050,000 in Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and \$10,000,000 of the first tranche of \$74,025,000 was allocated by the County on February 8, 2022, to be directed toward a variety of ARPA eligible initiatives, including an allocation of \$870,000 to fund 87 grants in the amount of \$10,000 each under the Family Child Care Grant program; and

WHEREAS, since the applications have already been submitted and initially reviewed by Build Up, these grant funds will be distributed by April 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, to document the impact of the \$870,000 contribution of County ARPA funds, Build Up will survey all grant applicants one year after the funds are disbursed to confirm how the funds were spent and how they were used to expand infant toddler care capacity in the family childcare facility; and

WHEREAS, an agreement with 4Cs for a term of March 8, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$870,000 of ARPA monies to fund 87 grants of \$10,000 each under the Family Child Care Grant Program has been presented to this Board for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the County Manager, or their designee(s), is authorized and directed to execute an agreement with 4Cs for and on behalf of the County of San Mateo with a term of March 8, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$870,000 to fund 87 grants of \$10,000 each under the Family Child Care Grant program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager, or designee(s), is authorized to apply state and/or federal funds, to include those appropriated by the American Rescue Plan Act, that may be made available for all or a portion of the monies expended on the Agreement, including all grants under the Agreement.

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