

RESOLUTION NO.

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

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RESOLUTION AMENDING 2022-2023 OUT-OF-SCHOOL CARE GRANT PROGRAM TO AUTHORIZE GRANTS TO OTHERWISE QUALIFYING NONPROFIT AND FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS OPERATING OUT-OF-SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN SAN MATEO COUNTY DIRECTLY AND NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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 COVID-19 public health emergency, while broadly impacting the community, has had an especially devastating impact on some segments of the San Mateo County population and economy, including, in particular, the childcare industry, which has suffered from, among other negative economic consequences, reduced enrollment, staffing shortages, and increased costs due to compliance with public health requirements; and

WHEREAS, the County has taken extensive steps to prevent the spread of the pandemic and to mitigate its impact, including, without limitation: funding, supporting, and coordinating testing, contact tracing, isolation, quarantine, and treatment for infected individuals; public health and safety communications and interventions; issuance and enforcement of health orders; and health system response and vaccination programs; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic continues to pose public health risks and continues to cause negative impacts for our communities and local economy and the need to respond to those risks and impacts, and undertake measure to assist in recovery from the negative public health and economic impacts of the pandemic, continues, especially in the childcare industry; and

WHEREAS, during and as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, challenges accessing or affording out-of-school care have been widespread, with disruptions to early care and learning services similarly having negative impacts;

WHEREAS, educators, after-school care providers, and child development experts agree that children need out-of-school programs—prior to school, after school and during school vacations—that support both academic progress and social and emotional development; and

WHEREAS, this need for out-of-school programs is particularly acute for socio-economically disadvantaged (SED) students and families living in communities severely impacted by the pandemic due to challenges they faced during the pandemic which frequently included less access and support during distance learning because parents

were unable to work from home, less reliable internet access, having to share computers with other family members and not having quiet places to study and that many SED students lacked access to opportunities for social and emotional growth provided through camps, tutoring and other private programs that middle and upper-income families provided their children over the past two years; and

WHEREAS, increasing access to such childcare services is responsive to the public health emergency and its negative economic impacts and providing increased access to out-of-school programs can also help address lost instructional time and educational disparities for SED students that were exacerbated by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2022, the Board approved an allocation of \$2,562,500 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the 2022-2023 Out-of-School Care Grant Program to increase the availability of before and after school and school vacation programs for SED students in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 Out-of-School Care Grant Program, as approved by the Board, focused on addressing access challenges the pandemic created and/or exacerbated for SED students in need of out-of-school care, and, thus, the Board allocated \$2,500,000 for grants to local out-of-school providers—nonprofits, for-profits, and public entities such as cities and school districts—so they could expand the number of available out-of-school program slots for SED students and \$62,500 to administrative fees for the SMCU Community Fund to help administer the Program; and

WHEREAS, at the same time, however, many local nonprofit and small business providers of out-of-school care programs, like others in the child care industry, have themselves suffered negative impacts due to the pandemic in the form of

decreased revenue, financial insecurity, increased costs due to compliance with public health requirements, reduced capacity to weather financial hardship, staffing shortages, and challenges covering payroll, rent or mortgage, and other operating costs; and

WHEREAS, ARPA funds may be used to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic consequences, including by providing direct assistance to impacted nonprofit and small business organizations to mitigate their financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend the 2022-2023 Out-of-School Care Grant Program such that the \$2,500,000 in ARPA funds previously allocated by the Board for grants under the Program is also to be made available for grants to local nonprofit organizations (meaning those that are 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) tax exempt organizations) and local for-profit small businesses (meaning those with 25 or fewer full-time employees) that would otherwise qualify under the 2022-2023 Out-of-School Care Grant Program and that have themselves experienced negative economic impacts of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the remaining aspects of the 2022-2023 Out-of-School Care Grant Program will remain unchanged and eligible impacted nonprofits and small businesses under the amended 2022-2023 Out-of-School Care Grant Program may be selected from the existing applicant pool for the Program generated through the initial application period; and

WHEREAS, all grants to impacted organizations would be subject to the overall fiscal limits and geographic funding requirements of the 2022-2023 Out-of-School Care

Grant Program and, as provided in the 2022-2023 Out-of-School Care Grant Program, grant amounts for qualifying impacted organizations (nonprofits and small businesses) will be \$50,000 for programs serving or having the capacity to serve 100 students or less and \$75,000 for programs serving or having the capacity to serve 101 students or more; and

WHEREAS, providing direct assistance to negatively impacted nonprofit organizations and small businesses, while continuing to provide grants to qualifying public entities, will serve the Board's interest in increasing out-of-school program slots for SED students and, therefore, grants will remain available to qualifying public entities, such as cities and school districts, under the terms of the original Out-of-School Care Grant Program, though the distribution of grants between impacted organizations (nonprofits and small businesses) and public entity providers will vary depending on the pool of qualified, eligible applicants.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the the 2022-23 Out-of-School Care Grant Program is amended to authorize grants to otherwise qualifying nonprofit organizations and for-profit small businesses operating out-of-school programs in San Mateo County that have also been directly and negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, in accordance with the Board's findings and intent set forth in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive, or designee(s), is authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to implement the amendment to the

2022-2023 Out-of-School Care Grant Program in accordance with the Board's findings and intent set forth in this resolution.

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