

December 18, 2025

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT
OF FAMILY & SUPPORT SERVICES (DFSS) – THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) – the City of Chicago to provide support to approximately 55 agencies to service prenatal parents and birth to 5 years of age students at a cost set forth in the compensation section of this report. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided and no payment shall be made to DFSS prior to execution of the written document. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this option is stated below.

AGENCY: Department of Family & Support Services – The
City of Chicago
1615 W. Chicago
Ave.
Chicago, IL
60622
Cerathel Burgess-Burnett, Deputy Commissioner
(312) 746-8545
Vendor # 17110

USER: Office of Early Childhood Education
42 W. Madison Street, Second Level
Chicago, IL 60602
Leslie McKinily, Chief Officer, Office of Early Childhood
Education (773) 553-4502

TERM: The term of the Agreement shall commence July 1, 2026 and end on June 30, 2027, with the Board having four (4) options to renew for one (1) year terms.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:

The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice.

DESCRIPTION: The City of Chicago has consolidated the funding and oversight of community-based early childhood programming to DFSS and the other City of Chicago Head Start Grantees. Community-based funding and administrative capacity previously housed in CPS was transferred to DFSS Children Services Division accordingly to provide oversight and accountability for funding from the Early Childhood Block Grant. Now that oversight and accountability responsibility is being distributed between DFSS and the 5 additional City of Chicago Head Start Grantees.

COMPENSATION: DFSS shall be paid as set forth in the agreement. The estimated annual cost is not to exceed \$49,100,000. The total amount authorized by this Board Report is \$49,100,000.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES: DFSS will use the monies to fund community-based organizations to implement early childhood programming for prenatal parents and children age birth to five; funds will be disbursed to community-based organizations to implement birth to age five programming. The context for services to children prenatal to age three will include home visiting and center-based program models and the service context for preschool children ages 3-5 will be the center-based program model.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to execute all documents required to administer or effectuate the agreement.


AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to the Remedial Program for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services contracts, (M/WBE Program), this contract is exempt as this agreement is an intergovernmental agreement.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.


FINANCIAL: Charge to: Office of Early Childhood Education Fiscal Year: 2027
Fund 362: Early Childhood Block Grant - \$49,100,000.

GENERAL CONDITIONS: The agreement shall contain general conditions including but not limited to the following: Inspector General provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1; Conflicts provision, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3; Indebtedness provision, in accordance with the Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 pursuant to Board Report 96-0626-PO3; Ethics provision, in accordance with the Board's Ethics Code as amended, and a Contingent Liability provision.


Approved for Consideration:

Signed by:

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Leslie McKinily
Chief Early Education Officer


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Macquiline King, Ed.D
Interim Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer

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Alfonso Carmona
Acting Chief Education Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:

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Elizabeth K. Barton
Acting General Counsel

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