

AUTHORIZE A NEW AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT SERVICES AT COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBOS)

THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize a new agreement with various vendors to provide Early childhood block grant services to community based organizations at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Financial Section of this report. Vendors were selected on a non-competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-6. This item was presented to the Single/Sole Source Committee on November 20, 2025, and approved by the committee. Prior to final approval by the Chief Procurement Officer, as a Single Source, the item was published on the Procurement website on November 21, 2025 found here: cps.edu/procurement. The item will remain on the Procurement website until December 18, 2025. This process complies with the independent consultant's recommendations for single source procurements and the Board's "Single/Sole Source Committee Charter." A written agreement for Vendor's services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by Vendor and no payment shall be made to Vendor prior to the execution of their written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification Number : Sss - 107

Contract Administrator : Delgado Villarreal, Deisy / 773-553-2280

USER INFORMATION :

Project
Manager: 11360 - Early Childhood Development

42 West Madison Street

Chicago, IL 60602

Jacoby, Maneesha Date

773-553-2010

TERM:

The term of this agreement shall commence on July 1, 2026 and shall end June 30, 2027.
This agreement shall have four (4) options to renew for periods of one (1) year each.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:

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

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The Office of Early Childhood Education (OECE) seeks to establish contracts with the five remaining City of Chicago Head Start grantees to provide prenatal-to-age-five childcare and early learning services funded through the Early Childhood Block Grant (ECBG). These contracts parallel OECEs existing Intergovernmental Agreement with the Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS), the sixth City of Chicago Head Start grantee. The grantees will be responsible for the following:

1. Delivery of Prenatal Age Five Early Childhood Services

Provide high-quality early childhood services for children from birth to age five. Deliver comprehensive care and education for infants and toddlers (ages 0-3), including doula services where applicable. Support continuity of services in alignment with CPS's focus on Universal Preschool for four-year-olds.

2. Participation in Chicago's Mixed-Delivery Early Learning System Operate as partners within Chicago's mixed-delivery system, which includes CPS schools, community-based centers, and other licensed early childhood providers. Collaborate with OECE to ensure families can access a range of high-quality program options across settings.

3. Family Access and Flexible Supports Provide flexible, year-round care and culturally responsive services that meet the diverse needs of families. Ensure families have equitable access to early learning opportunities regardless of program type or location.

4. Program Quality and Alignment Deliver high-quality instructional, developmental, and supportive services that promote positive outcomes during the critical birth-to-five period. Coordinate with CPS to ensure program alignment and smooth transitions from infant/toddler services into CPS Universal Preschool.

5. Coordination and Communication Participate in OECE planning, data sharing, and communication processes to support coordinated citywide service delivery. Ensure transparency and collaboration to maintain a unified approach across all early learning partners.

DELIVERABLES:

1. Provision of Birth Age Five Services Delivery of early childhood care and education for children birth to age five, including infant/toddler services and doula supports where applicable.

2. Program Enrollment and Access Participation in the Chicago Early Learning system to ensure consistent, transparent access for families across community-based and school-based settings.

3. Aligned Infant/Toddler and Preschool Programming High-quality early learning programming that complements CPS's Universal Preschool model and supports smooth transitions for children entering four-year-old classrooms.

4. Coordination With Chicago Public Schools Regular communication, planning, and quality-alignment activities with Chicago Public Schools and other partners to support coherent citywide service delivery.

5. Reporting and Compliance Documentation Submission of required reports and documentation to OECE to support grant oversight, program monitoring, and system coordination.

OUTCOMES:

Vendor services will support effective program implementation and high-quality partnership outcomes.

Success will be evaluated by:

Program Implementation: Ensuring that Preschool for All (PFA) and Prevention Initiative (PI) programs are effectively operated within the identified community-based organizations, meeting enrollment targets, compliance requirements, and quality benchmarks outlined by the Early Childhood Block Grant (ECBG).

Partnership and Communication: Assessing the ease of collaboration, coordination, and communication between the Head Start Grantees and CPS. Regular partnership meetings, feedback sessions, and documented problem-solving processes will be used to measure the strength and responsiveness of these relationships.

Equity and Access: Monitoring equitable distribution of resources and access to early learning opportunities across communities, ensuring that children and families particularly those in underserved areas benefit from coordinated services.

Continuous Improvement: Collecting data on program performance, family engagement, and service delivery to inform adjustments and enhance outcomes over time.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:

None

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 Chief of Early Childhood Education to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION:

Pursuant to the Remedial Policy for Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) participation in Goods and Services contracts, the contract is an excluded transaction, for the aspirational goals of 30% MBE and 7% WBE, as this agreement is for a Grant-funded and a Single Sole Source contract and is stipulated as excluded.

LSC REVIEW:

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL:

Fund 362, Unit 11385 - Early Childhood Development - City Wide,

FY27 - \$49,700,000

Not to exceed \$49,700,000 for the 1 year term. Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriation and approval

Approved Category Code for this Board Report
924.00001 Educational Services- Early Childhood

Category Codes may be modified by the Chief Procurement Officer as needed to support the Scope of Services

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, Contingent Liability provision.

Approved for Consideration:



PATRICIA HERNANDEZ
Chief Procurement Officer

Approved:



MACQUILINE KING, Ed.D
Interim Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer

Approved: 



ELIZABETH K. BARTON
Acting General Counsel

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| 2) Vendor # 18567 EASTER SEALS METROPOLITAN CHICAGO, INC. 1939 WEST 13TH STREET., STE 300 CHICAGO, IL 60608 Amy Blythe 312 491-4110 | |
| 3) Vendor # 45713 CHICAGO COMMONS ASSOCIATION 744 NORTH MONTICELLO CHICAGO, IL 60624 Nins Diab 773 826-4285 | |
| 4) Vendor # 45717 CAROLE ROBERTSON CENTER FOR LEARNING 1111 S WESTERN AVE STE B CHICAGO, IL 60612 Laura Hool 312 243-7300 | |