

## **MINUTES**

**Committee Members Present:** Leslie Anderson, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Philip Belcher, Christy Cheek, Jane Hatley, Rich Johnston, Kit Cramer, Chavaun Letman, Susan Mims (by phone), Mistie Reising-Cogbill, Robert Pressley, Glenda Weinert, Al Whitesides, Kidada Wynn

**County Support Staff Present:** Rachael Nygaard, Rasheeda McDaniels, Kimberly Fullerton, Max Taintor, Angelyn Johnson

### **Welcome**

Commissioners welcomed and thanked everyone for their participation and reiterated the big picture goal of the committee and the current task of funding recommendations.

### **Discussion**

- Grantee information updates that were received since the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Pisgah Legal Services provided partial funding information. Community Action Opportunities provided some budget information. YWCA and Asheville City Schools provided additional information. Those updates were emailed to committee members earlier today. Since that email, information was received from Buncombe Partnership for Children on behalf of Buncombe Partnership for Children, Hawthorne Montessori, Irene Wortham. Additionally, Commissioners received verbal updates from Buncombe County Schools. Their ECE centers at Enka and Owen are both over a year away, but North Buncombe has a room available which could be up fitted for \$450,000 by January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Buncombe County/Verner partnership application updated that partial funding of \$500,000-\$700,000 would allow the project to begin, with potential timeline impact.
- Discussion of grant scoring and funding recommendations. Committee members ranked their top 10 and top 3 projects. This ranking was considered in addition to the project ranking that was created through the online scoring process. Once the top projects were determined, the committee began discussing different funding scenarios. The committee decided to do away with the \$100,000 technical fund and instead those funds to projects.
- The committee was polled for support between Scenario 3 and Scenario 4 (reference page 2 of these minutes): Scenario 3 received 6 votes, and Scenario 4 received 8 votes.
- Kit Cramer made a motion, and Commissioner Whitesides seconded the motion to recommend Scenario 4 for approval by the Board of Commissioners. It was approved by unanimous vote.

### **Next steps**

- Recommendation will go before the Commissioners on June 18<sup>th</sup>
- Committee to consider structure and chair/vice chair at next meeting
- Committee to hold an evaluation/debrief discussion on the funding process at next meeting
- Committee to develop plan for multi-year funding at a future meeting

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Next meeting**

July 2, 2019  
2:30 – 4:00 pm  
200 College Street  
Ground Floor Conference Room

Organization	Project	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
Asheville City Schools	Expanding High-Quality Early Childhood Education with ACS Preschool Program	\$193,147	\$193,147
Buncombe Partnership for Children	Buncombe County Early Childhood Teacher Workforce Development Program	\$113,019	\$113,019
Buncombe County Schools	Increasing Access to High-Quality Early Care and Education at Emma Elementary School	\$500,000	\$500,000
Buncombe County Schools	Project Name: Buncombe County Schools Early Childhood Education Development Program	\$400,000	\$400,000
Buncombe Partnership for Children	Early Childhood Systems Coordination	\$77,900	\$77,900
Community Action Opportunities	Boost Buncombe Families and Teachers	\$267,173	\$267,173
YWCA of Asheville and Western North Carolina	YWCA Early Learning Program expansion and quality enhancement	\$151,000	\$151,000
Eliada Homes, Inc	Eliada Homes Child Development Expansion and Enhancement Project	\$86,895	\$86,895
Buncombe Partnership for Children	Family Child Care Home Expansion Project	\$25,000	\$25,000
Irene Wortham Center	Early Learning Center Program Update	\$50,000	\$61,438
Evolve Early Learning	Evolve Early Learning Preschool and Community Center Open to Sustainable - A Three Year Plan	\$47,599	\$36,161
CIMA-Compañeros Inmigrantes de las Montañas en Accion	Emma Early Childhood Educators Cooperative & Bilingual ECE Shared Services Network	\$36,161	\$36,161