

4 R Kids Program and Service Committee

Friday May 7, 2021

9:00 A.M.

Meeting held at the Madison County Extension Office in Winterset Iowa

Attendance

Khristan Kaufman, Lois Hoger, Tammy Walk, and Brittany Shinn and Debra Schrader were in attendance.

Housekeeping *(information)*

Ground rules were reviewed. Conflict of interest was discussed, there was no conflict of interest noted by committee members that would impact recommendations. Brittany will be the reporter for the board meeting May 20, 2021. Director Schrader will draft the minutes for the meeting.

FY21 3rd Quarter reports *(information)*

The committee reviewed the 3rd quarter reports prior to the meeting. There were no major issues noted. A high level report will be provided to the board.

FY22 Request for Proposal Review and Comments *(information)*

- The draft FY22 early childhood grant is expected to be \$192,410 or (13%) more than FY21. The FY22 draft school ready grant amount is expected to be \$884,205 or (about 1%) more than FY21, for a total of early childhood funding and school ready funding increase expected from FY21 to FY22 of \$26,849. Potential carryover is \$128,500. This is a potential for an increase in school ready funding in the education appropriations budget for FY22. The Iowa House has \$250,000 state wide increase and the Iowa Senate has \$540,000 state wide increase.
- The FY22 Request for Proposal process was open competition and is the first year of a three year grant cycle. The next open Request for Proposal will be FY25. The Board reserves the right to have an open Request for Proposal process at any time.
- The committee reviewed the 4 R Kids strategic plan and focused on priorities as well as the guiding principles.
- The Request for Proposal process consisted of a cover page, community impact page, narrative questions, a budget and letter of support. Additional items required were, proof of insurance, assurances, board of directors roster and several quality verifications.
- A technical review was conducted on each application and 30% of the applications did not meet the technical review, but were included in the funding plan. One application was received after the deadline; one application was over the allowable 15% indirect administrative cost rate; one application did not match the narrative with the budget.
- An agency that has traditionally submitted an application did not due to having other funds to support the program.
- There was one new agency request. The remainder requests were from previously funded agencies.
- The board administrative support budget remains the same as years past which includes the fiscal agent fees and other expenses related to board operations. The fiscal fee has not changed in 11 years; Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center has agreed to continue as the fiscal agent and record of employer. The ECI director budget changed slightly due to the 3% increase in compensation.

FY22 Funding Plan (recommendation)

The following are recommendations for FY22 programming pending FY21 carryover, state allocations, state program criteria, 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area board approval, Early Childhood Iowa approval, Department of Education approval and Department of Human Services approval. The recommendations are as follows:

FY22 Funding Recommendations for Programming		
Lutheran Services of Iowa	New Parent Program HFA – long term home visitation	\$161,031.00
Short Years Partnership	Parents as Teachers – long term home visitation	\$272,000.00
Southwestern Community College	Parents as Teachers – long term home visitation	\$100,829.01
Warren County Health Services	Child Care Nurse Consultant	\$41,533.11*
Every Step (Formally VNS)	Child Care Nurse Consultant	\$30,441.00
MATURA	Child Care Nurse Consultant	\$9,217.01
Dallas County ISU Extension	Child Care Quality Improvement Project (Training, Mini Grants, IECMHC)	\$142,678.00
Orchard Place/CCRR	Child Care Provider Incentives (QRS, ChildNet, BIP)	\$17,493.00
Orchard Place/CCRR	Child Care Provider Consultation and Technical Assistance	\$22,802.00
Dallas County ISU Extension	Preschool Enrichment/Coordinated Intake Project	\$72,001.00
Dallas County ISU Extension	Preschool Scholarship Tuition	\$153,700.00
Dallas County ISU Extension	Preschool Transportation	\$2,650.00
Dallas County ISU Extension	Preschool Dental Screening	\$9,010.00
Dallas County ISU Extension	Preschool Professional Development	\$5,300.00
Reserve	Performance Program Incentives for Family Support Programs	\$30,000.00
Total		\$1,070,682.13

Additional Comments

- The Warren County Health Services application for the child care nurse consultant was submitted past the deadline. The Committee did not take this issue lightly, however after all of the other applications were reviewed and prioritized for funding, there was enough funds in the budget to fund the request.
- Early Childhood Iowa has implemented a Performance Incentive (PiP) for family support programs for FY22. The PIP will provide for up to \$3,000 per program for 15 family support programs statewide that meet certain benchmark criteria. It is encouraged that all three programs apply for the PiP; in addition to the \$3,000, the 4 R Kids ECI board will provide additional funds up to \$10,000 (blended funds) for each program once benchmarks have been achieved. This is a onetime incentive award dispersed in two six month intervals.
- The budget has \$4,440.87 unallocated funding and it will be reserved to assist with interpretation needs, preschool tuition, and other needs that may arise or for budget cuts.
- When the FY21 books are closed, the committee may release a request for proposal application for a pilot project for a coordinated entry program to target at risk prenatal families which may mirror the state pilot project Nine to Thrive.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.