



MEMORANDUM

P.O. Box 4100 ♦ FRISCO, COLORADO 80443

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: TOM FISHER, TOWN MANAGER

RE: Resolution 23-25: Adopting the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for Summit County Child Care Tuition Assistance among Summit County, Blue River, Breckenridge, Dillon, Frisco, Silverthorne and the Summit County Child Care Resource and Referral Agency, Inc.

DATE: JUNE 27, 2023

Summary and Background: This Agreement establishes the Summit First Steps Program to fund tuition assistance for children ages 6 weeks to 3 years who do not qualify for the Summit Pre-K Program, funded through the voter-approved Strong Futures initiative.

A Countywide Tuition Assistance Workgroup, comprised of representatives from the County, Summit Municipalities, private industry, and several non-profit sector representatives was established in 2021 to study and discuss the concept of a countywide assistance tuition program. The Workgroup made recommendations to the entities to provide a tuition assistance program that is “needs based” that will provide tuition assistance for child care expenditures when a family’s costs for such expenses exceed 10 to 20 percent of their income. The amount of potential assistance is determined based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to: gross income, child care cost, parents’ work schedule, the number of children in care, etc. The assistance will be paid directly to the participating Child Care Center, or licensed in-home childcare location, on behalf of approved families.

Analysis: The Town of Frisco started to participate in this program, along with the Town of Breckenridge, starting in 2022. This agreement formalizes this program among all local governments in Summit County. Each community will pay a percentage of the total funding needed for the program, similar to the percentages that are formalized in the 911 Communications Center agreement; the percentages are: Blue River 2%, Breckenridge 36%, Dillon 10%, Frisco 20%, Silverthorne 22%, Summit County 10%. The estimated 2024 cost to the Town of Frisco will be \$245,200, with the funding coming from the Nicotine Tax revenue.

This agreement also formalizes Early Childhood Options responsibilities for the program around administration, payments and performance monitoring of the program.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Access to affordable child care options supports the needed workforce for our economy, provides more equitable access to child care in order to improve inclusivity within Frisco and it positively affects the affordability of our community for many more families.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that Council adopt Resolution 23-25, and its referenced IGA for Summit County Child Care Tuition Assistance.

Approved By:

Stacey Nell, Town Clerk
Thad Renaud, Town Attorney

Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Resolution 23-25
Attachment 2 - IGA for Summit County Child Care Tuition Assistance