

**TOWN OF FRISCO
COUNTY OF SUMMIT
STATE OF COLORADO
RESOLUTION 23-25**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING CHILD CARE TUITION ASSISTANCE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to title 29, article 1, part 2, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended (the "Intergovernmental Relations Statute"), and Article XIV, Section 18 of the State Constitution, governments may contract with one another to provide any function, service or facility lawfully authorized to each of the contracting units and any such contract may provide for the joint exercise of the function, service or facility; and

WHEREAS, according to an April 2022 Summit County Childcare & After School Care Needs Assessment ("2022 Needs Assessment"), Summit County is home to 4,367 total children, and 1,485 children are under age 6, and 2,882 are between 6 and 12; and

WHEREAS, seventy three percent of children in Summit County have all parents in the labor force and are therefore likely to need some type of childcare; and

WHEREAS, the Parties to the attached intergovernmental agreement (the "IGA") have all determined that public support of childcare is an important investment in the community and that quality early childcare benefits families, children, employers, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, among parents not using regular childcare, one of the most common reasons cited in the 2022 Needs Assessment survey was "can't afford it"; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Frisco is committed to assisting to provide access to affordable, quality childcare for local working-families; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Needs Assessment specifically recommended that the Summit County and the several towns within it explore options for extending tuition assistance countywide for all age groups; and

WHEREAS, a Countywide Tuition Assistance Workgroup ("Workgroup"), comprised of representatives from the County, municipalities within the county, private industry, and several non-profit sector representatives was established in 2021 to study and discuss the concept of a countywide assistance tuition program; and

WHEREAS, the Workgroup made recommendations to, and received support from, Summit County, Silverthorne, Breckenridge, Frisco, Dillon, and Blue River, regarding a proposed framework for a countywide tuition assistance program; and

WHEREAS, the attached IGA for countywide Child Care Tuition Assistance will

establish the general guidelines of the program and define the roles and responsibilities of the IGA's participants; and

WHEREAS, the tuition assistance program will provide a 'needs based' approach that can potentially provide tuition assistance when a family's childcare expenditures exceed 10-20% 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 is paid directly to the participating Child Care Center, or licensed in-home childcare location, on behalf of approved families; and

WHEREAS, the Summit County Pre-K Program ("SPK") currently funds tuition assistance for all 3- and 4-year-olds in Summit County and is funded through Strong Future, a voter-approved ballot initiative; and

WHEREAS, this attached IGA establishes the Summit First Steps Program ("First Steps") to fund tuition assistance for children ages 6 weeks to 3 years who do not qualify for SPK; and

WHEREAS, Early Childhood Options ("ECO") is a Colorado non-profit corporation with a mission to improve the quality, affordability and availability of early childhood education in Summit County and ECO has been identified by the Parties as the appropriate local entity to administer this program, and ECO has hired an Enrollment and Eligibility Specialist specifically for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FRISCO, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The attached:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR SUMMIT COUNTY CHILD CARE TUITION ASSISTANCE AMONG SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO, and THE TOWNS OF BLUE RIVER, BRECKENRIDGE, DILLON, FRISCO, AND SILVERTHORNE, COLORADO, and SUMMIT COUNTY CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL AGENCY, INC.

is hereby approved, and the Mayor and Town Clerk are authorized to execute and deliver the agreement, and any other agreements or documents as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the terms and conditions of the agreement.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED this 27th day of June, 2023.

Hunter Mortensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stacey Nell, Town Clerk