



## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Trustees

**FROM:** Marcia Hayes-Harris, Program Committee Member **BOARD ACTION REQUIRED**

**DATE:** February 14, 2025

**SUBJECT:** FY 2026 – 2028 Community Children’s Services – Early Childhood Fund Grant Cycle Appropriation

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The attached resolution identifies the estimated amount to be made available for grants from the Community Children’s Services – Early Childhood Fund (CCSF—EC) from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 (Year One of the 3-year grant cycle).

Based on anticipated tax revenue, it is recommended that the total amount of **\$2,750,000** be appropriated for FY26 CCSF—EC grants. This amount will be split between:

- Social Emotional Development for Children – \$1,500,000
- Professional Development for Childcare Providers Partnership – \$750,000
- Mental Health Education for Parents/Caregivers Partnership – \$500,000

It is anticipated that at most, an equivalent amount plus a COLA increment may be required for each of the two remaining years in the funding cycle. Assuming a COLA increment of 2.0% each year, the maximum amounts required in the subsequent years of the cycle would be:

FY 2027 (Year Two): **\$2,805,000**  
FY 2028 (Year Three): **\$2,861,100**

**CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S SERVICES – EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND**

**APPROPRIATION FOR FY 2026 GRANTS**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis, Missouri has levied taxes pursuant to the laws of the State of Missouri Sections 210.860 – 210.861 RSMo. (2005 and 2020) to fund the Community Children's Services Fund (CCSF) and the Board is entrusted with administering this fund; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2020, city voters approved Proposition R increasing the Community Children's Services Fund to its statutory maximum levy of \$0.25 per \$100 assessed valuation, an increase of \$0.06 over the current rate of \$0.19, and appropriating the additional tax revenue to be used exclusively for the purpose of supporting early childhood programs and services for city children from birth to age 5; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board is desirous to implement its responsibilities to ensure high quality early childhood programs and services to children from birth through age five within the City of St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, the revenue for FY 2026 is estimated to total of \$ 3,316,734; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated \$453,937 will be needed to support program staff salaries and benefits related to the Community Children's Services – Early Childhood Fund (\$163,847), an estimated (\$50,000) for the Emerging Needs Fund, and an estimated (\$240,090) will be needed to cover the allocation of administrative costs to support organizational operations;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Board hereby authorizes up to **\$2,750,000** to be available to allocate to Community Children's Services – Early Childhood Fund Grants in FY26 effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

**APPROVED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRAURY 2025**

Board Chair/Officer Name (printed):	Signature:
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**ATTEST:**

Board Officer Name (printed):	Signature:
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