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Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)

Office of Business and Community Development – Small Business Assistance Office Request for Information and Comments on a Grant Program to Increase the Supply of Quality Child Care Providers Outside the Metropolitan Area

Issued by

Department of Employment and Economic Development

Purpose

The Department of Employment and Economic Development seeks input on a new program to make grants to communities to increase the supply of quality child care providers in order to support regional economic development outside the metro area. We invite comments from interested and affected parties. We especially encourage feedback from child care resource and referral organizations, child care professional associations, regional planning agencies, regional economic development partnerships, regional community foundations, local/regional business associations and childcare business development assistance organizations, and units of local government.

Background

2016 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 189, Article 12, Section 2, Subdivision 2(f) authorizes \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 for grants to communities to increase the supply of quality child care providers in order to support regional economic development outside the metro area.

Grant recipients must match state funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Grant funds must be used to implement solutions to reduce the child care shortage in the state, including but not limited to funding for child care business start-up or expansion, training, facility modifications or improvements required for licensing, and assistance with licensing and other regulatory requirements. In awarding grants, the commissioner must give priority to communities in greater Minnesota that have documented a shortage of child care providers in the area. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2019.

Information Requested

This Request for Information (RFI) seeks to obtain public comments on the following items:

1. The law identifies the following activities as potential solutions for reducing child care shortage in the state: business start-up or expansion, training, facility modifications or improvements required for licensing, and assistance with licensing and other regulatory requirements. Of these activities what are the highest priority for your communities? Are there other strategies you would recommend?
2. Please describe your community's efforts around documenting childcare shortages in your community and any past or ongoing planning efforts to address the shortage. Where are the shortages? How big are the shortages? What factors have contributed to the shortages?
3. What are the organizations in your communities that are leading planning and implementation efforts related to expanding access to quality child care?
4. What are the organization that are providing financial support for efforts related to expanding access to quality child care?
5. What are the types of technical assistance or financial resources do your communities need to successfully implement solutions to reduce the child care shortage in your community?

How to Submit a Response

Responses to this RFI must be submitted electronically by **September 23** via email to Brandon.toner@state.mn.us.

This RFI is for planning purposes only and should not be construed as a solicitation or as an obligation on the part of the

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Department of Employment and Economic Development or the State of Minnesota. DEED does not intend to make any type of award based on responses to this RFI or to pay for either the preparation of information submitted or the State's use of such information. The department may use the information collected from this RFI in the preparation of a formal Request for Proposals.

DEED will use the information submitted in response to the RFI at its discretion. Respondents are advised that the State is under no obligation to acknowledge receipt of the information provided and will not provide feedback to respondents. The information submitted will be analyzed and may be shared internally as appropriate and at the State's discretion. Proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information should not be included in your response.

Inquiries

Please direct all inquiries to:

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Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Notice of Contract Opportunity for Minnesota Organizations Providing Support Services Grant SFY2017

PROJECT NAME: Minnesota Organizations Providing Support Services Grant SFY2017

DETAILS: The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development is requesting proposals for the Minnesota Organizations Providing Support Services Grant. DEED is pleased to announce up to \$2,000,000 million dollars in available funds in state fiscal year 2017 for a competitive grant program for organizations to provide support services for individuals engaged in activities such as: job training; employment preparation; internships; job assistance to fathers; financial literacy; academic and behavioral interventions for low-performing students; and youth intervention activities.

COPY REQUEST: To get a copy of the Request for Proposals, please go to DEED contracts webpage at <https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/> or send a written request, by email, to:

Steve Erbes
Employment and Training Coordinator
Steve.Erbes@state.mn.us

PROPOSAL DEADLINE:

Provide Ten (10) original copies via mail to DEED:
Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development
Workforce Development Division – Attn: Dana Dumbacher
First National Bank Building
332 Minnesota Street, Suite E200
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

Proposals must be received by DEED **no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2016.**

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Notice of Contract Opportunity for Southeast Asian Competitive Grant SFY2017

PROJECT NAME: Southeast Asian Competitive Grant SFY2017

DETAILS: The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development is requesting proposals for the Minnesota Southeast Asian Competitive Grant. DEED is pleased to announce up to \$2 million dollars in available funds in fiscal year