



**Approval to Apply for, Accept and Disburse Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Head Start Birth to Five Cost of Living Adjustment and Training and Technical Assistance Grant Funding (Ordinance S-44708)**

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for, accept and if awarded, enter into any necessary agreements for the Head Start Supplemental Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and Training and Technical Assistance funding increases from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), up to a total of \$859,527 and \$87,000 respectively. The contract period begins July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Further request authorization for the City Treasurer to accept, and the City Controller to disburse, all funds related to the item if awarded. There is no impact to the General Fund.

**Summary**

The City of Phoenix Head Start Birth to Five Program provides comprehensive education and social services to 3,451 low-income children and families. Many direct services are provided in collaboration with Delegate Agencies and Child Care Partners. The COLA is allocated to the City of Phoenix as the Grantee, and subsequently will be designated to each Delegate Agency and Child Care Partner to increase salaries and fringe benefits and to offset increased operating costs. The Training and Technical Assistance funding would support the ongoing Head Start Program Performance Standards requirements.

Under the Head Start Act, the DHHS can award up to a 2.6 percent COLA increase for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019, to all Head Start programs. This is a non-competitive supplemental application.

**Contract Term**

The Grantee is entering into the fifth year of a five-year grant for the Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start Home-Based programs and the new contract term is July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. The Early Head Start - Child Care Partnership grant is a separate grant and will be entering into its fourth year of a five-year grant, with a new contract term of July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

**Financial Impact**

The total amount of the increased COLA funds the Head Start Birth to Five Program can apply for is \$859,527. This breaks down to \$685,326 for the preschool portion of the program operations, \$87,679 for the infants and toddlers home-based model (Early Head Start), and \$86,522 for the infants and toddlers center-based model (Early Head Start - Child Care Partnership). The amount of the increase for Training and Technical Assistance is expected to be up to \$87,000. There will be no General Fund impact.

**Concurrence/Previous Council Action**

The Parks, Arts, Education and Equality Subcommittee heard this item on May 16, 2018 and recommended approval by a vote of 3-0.

**Responsible Department**

This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Deanna Jonovich and the Human Services Department.