County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2012-0047

Sponsored by: County Executive FitzGerald/Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Community Initiatives/Office of Early Childhood and Councilmember Jones

A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. CE1100057-02, 04 with Starting Point for administration of the Teacher Education and Compensation Helps Program and Early Care and Education Professional Development System for the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2011 - 12/31/2011 to extend the time period to 12/31/2012; to change the terms, effective 1/1/2011; and for additional funds in the amount of $644,521.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, the County Executive/Office of Early Childhood has submitted an amendment to Contract No. CE1100057-02, 04 with Starting Point for administration of the Teacher Education and Compensation Helps Program and Early Care and Education Professional Development System for the Invest in Children (TEACH) Program for the period 1/1/2011 – 12/31/2011 to extend the time period to 12/31/2012; to change the terms, effective 1/1/2011; and for additional funds in the amount of $644,521.00; and,

WHEREAS, under the terms of the contract, Starting Point manages and administers an Early Care and Education Professional Development System that works to improve the quality of child care in center based settings in Cuyahoga County; and,

WHEREAS, the primary goals of the Starting Point project are: (a) to improve the quality of center based child care by providing technical assistance and training to center based providers; (b) provide scholarships, training, and technical assistance for individual child care providers (the TEACH program); and (c) increase the number of centers participating in the state administered voluntary tiered rating system known as Step Up to Quality; and,

WHEREAS, Starting Point has been designated by the State of Ohio as Cuyahoga County’s child care resource and referral agency and is RFP exempt; and,
WHEREAS, the contractor is Starting Point, located at 4600 Euclid Avenue, Suite 500, Cleveland, Ohio 44103, in Council District 7; and,

WHEREAS, Starting Point services are County-wide and are provided in all Council Districts; and,

WHEREAS, the project is funded 97% by the Health and Human Services Levy, and 3% of funds are provided by United Way; and,

WHEREAS, the original contract amount was in the amount of $625,412.00, and amended to increase the contract by $20,000.00 for a total of $645,412.00; and,

WHEREAS, the additional amount requested is $644,521.00, and is requested in order to extend the contract period for an additional twelve months; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective because the project’s term has already begun. The reason for the delay in this request is due to the need to negotiate the scope of work and related budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. The Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes the County Executive/Office of Early Childhood to amend Contract No. CE1100057-02, 04 with Starting Point for administration of the Teacher Education and Compensation Helps Program and Early Care and Education Professional Development System for the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2011 - 12/31/2011 to extend the time period to 12/31/2012; to change the terms, effective 1/1/2011; and for additional funds in the amount of $644,521.00.

SECTION 2. The County Executive is authorized to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective because the project’s term has already begun. The reason for the delay was due to the need to identify and appropriate available funding for 2012. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon the signature of the County Executive; otherwise it shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after the earliest time permitted by law.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
On a motion by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Miller, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Conwell, Jones and Connally

Nays: None

County Council President ___________________________ Date __________

County Executive ___________________________ Date __________

Clerk of Council ___________________________ Date __________

First Reading/Referred to Committee: March 13, 2012
Committee(s) Assigned: Health, Human Services & Aging

Additional Sponsorship Requested: March 22, 2012

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