County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2016-0047

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

Co-sponsored by: Councilmember Hairston

A Resolution authorizing a contract with Starting Point in the amount not-to-exceed $3,967,986.00 for administration and coordination of the Special Needs Child Care System in connection with the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2016 - 12/31/2017; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, the County Executive/Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Community Initiatives/Office of Early Childhood has recommended a contract with Starting Point in the amount not-to-exceed $3,967,986.00 for administration and coordination of the Special Needs Child Care System in connection with the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2016 - 12/31/2017; and

WHEREAS, the primary goals of this project are to provide services to administer, manage and ensure quality assurance of the Special Needs Child Care Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Special Needs Child Care Program is to increase inclusion of young children with identified disabilities, challenging behaviors, medical needs, and children who are "at risk" of expulsion when served in typical child care settings (Centers and Family Child Care Homes); and

WHEREAS, the funding for this project is 100% Health and Human Services Levy funds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue.

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

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes a contract with Starting Point in the amount not-to-exceed $3,967,986.00 for administration and
coordination of the Special Needs Child Care System in connection with the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2016 - 12/31/2017.

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

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed 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 Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Conwell, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Brown, Hairston, Simon, Greenspan, Miller and Brady

Nays: None

[Signatures and dates]
First Reading/Referred to Committee: **February 23, 2016**
Committee(s) Assigned: **Education, Environment & Sustainability**

Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: **March 8, 2016**

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