



## Recommended Funding of Mini-Grant Requests – Round Two November 2002

### Child Care and Early Education

Total Applicants = 44

Total Requested = \$580,065

Readers Committee: Commissioners Achadjian, Collins, Crocker, Steinberg, – 7 Community Members – 2 State Representatives

### **Critical Funding Need Recommendation**

During its allocation meeting, the Child Care and Early Education reader's committee identified a need regarding training for child care professionals. Several applications from various entities contained proposed training(s), and no applicant appeared to be working with another. It was determined that a planning process to encourage and nourish a collaboration of effort among the applicants is needed.

With that in mind, the readers eliminated all of the applications containing *training* from Round Two mini-grant funding. The readers instructed Commission staff to request additional funding from the Commission that would address a collaborative training effort.

While no specific amount was recommended for the planning process that would be required to achieve the task, an amount between \$4000-\$6000 was discussed.

The Child Care and Early Education reader's committee made recommendations for funding in three categories. Prioritized as follows

- 1) Family Child Care
- 2) Playground Equipment
- 3) Community

Results of those recommendations are as follows:

**Family Child Care – 9 recommended for a total of \$9000.**

Applicant Amount Requested	Description of Request	Priority Rank	Reader's Comments	Recommended Award
Brooks Child Care \$21,000	Development of a State of the Art Outdoor Nature Classroom for Family Child Care Facility. Enhancement of multi-cultural program with books, dramatic play materials, videos, computer programs and other multi-media. Purchase of culinary equipment for preparation of multi-cultural foods. Workshops to be offered to other early childhood professionals through Family Child Care Association, SLO Association for the Education of Young Children, EOC, and Cuesta College.	N/A	<p>Nine Family Child Care applicants are recommended for funding at \$1000.00 each. Funding to be used specifically for program/education materials for children age 0-5.</p> <p>Recommended applicants in the Family Child Care sub-group are recommended on the basis of a minimum qualifying score of 70 and requests for funding that include program materials.</p>	\$1000
Hopkins Family Childcare \$4000	Purchase of program materials related to early literacy, dramatic play and large motor development; Travel First Aid Kit and Car Seat; multi-cultural curriculum materials; Cubbie shelf units; and funding for attendance at CAEYC Conference.	N/A	See Comments under Brooks Child Care that apply to all nine recommendations in Family Child Care sub-group.	\$1000
Julie's Family Child Care \$10,000	Purchase of educational program materials, four seat baby buggy, child size furniture, outdoor play equipment, sleep mats and sheets.	N/A	See Comments under Brooks Child Care that apply to all nine recommendations in Family Child Care sub-group.	\$1000

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Kaleidoscope Kids \$25,000	Purchase of new playground equipment, classroom and child care equipment, learning materials, bus repairs and a portable air conditioner for preschool.	N/A	See Comments under Brooks Child Care that apply to all nine recommendations in Family Child Care sub-group.	\$1000
Little Blossoms \$7906	Upgrade facility with appropriate program materials and curriculum as part of the requirements of the National Accreditation Process; and financial support to increase professional growth training.	N/A	See Comments under Brooks Child Care that apply to all nine recommendations in Family Child Care sub-group.	\$1000
Little Steps \$6709	Upgrade facility with appropriate program materials and curriculum as part of the requirements of the National Accreditation Process; and financial support to increase professional growth training.	N/A	See Comments under Brooks Child Care that apply to all nine recommendations in Family Child Care sub-group.	\$1000
Ramsey Family Daycare \$2800	Purchase of multi-cultural curriculum, first aid kit, infant-toddler curriculum, Hooked on Phonics, and financial support towards attendance at CAEYC conference.	N/A	See Comments under Brooks Child Care that apply to all nine recommendations in Family Child Care sub-group.	\$1000
Shooting Stars \$6210	Purchase of outside play equipment; two canopies to provide shade in summer and cover from rain in winter; and multi-ethnic materials.	N/A	See Comments under Brooks Child Care that apply to all nine recommendations in Family Child Care sub-group.	\$1000

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Treehouse Kid Kare \$14,455	Purchase of new equipment for toddlers and preschool supplies; and financial support to increase professional growth training.	N/A	See Comments under Brooks Child Care that apply to all nine recommendations in Family Child Care sub-group.	\$1000

**Playground Equipment – 5 recommendations for a total of \$61,300.**

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ASI Children's Programs \$20,000	Purchase of one large play structure to replace existing structures that are out of compliance with California Playground Safety Standards.	N/A	Application well written. Playground upgrade at accredited site serves 125 children in target group. Project incorporates matching funds and budget reflects considerable in-kind.	\$15,000
City of Arroyo Grande \$25,000	Replacement of playground equipment and installation of rubber landing surface to meet CPSC and ADA requirements.	N/A	Application presented a good argument for need and number of children served. Site is centrally located geographically but playground is not limited to 0-5. Score on application was sufficient for a recommendation to fund, but in the context of numerous applications, recommended funding was much less than request.	\$4300

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Cuesta College Foundation \$25,000	Expansion of the North County Campus Childcare Center play yard to meet California playground safety regulations and shades for the expanded area.	N/A	Application well written. Expands capacity of number of child care slots, in addition to providing a training environment for new providers. Project incorporates matching funds from Orfalea Foundation.	\$15,000
New Dawn Center \$20,775	Replacement of existing 17-year old wooden fence surrounding the schoolyard and outdoor decking that has severely weathered and rotted, to meet state, county and ADA requirements, and correct existing safety hazards.	N/A	Application well written. Only pre-school in Cambria that is not a Head Start and has been operating since 1980. Quality of staff is high. Project addresses handicapped children and includes \$10,000 in-kind.	\$15,000
Village Children's Center \$15,000	Replace or add non-existent program materials to complete the accreditation process and make indoor environmental improvements.	N/A	Application received highest score amongst applications recommended for funding in this sub-group. Application includes in-kind and matching funds that total more than double amount requested. Accreditation process already underway.	\$12,000

**Community – 3 recommended for a total of \$22,500.**

<b>Applicant Amount Requested</b>	<b>Description of Request</b>	<b>Priority Rank</b>	<b>Reader's Comments</b>	<b>Recommended Award</b>
EOC-CCRC (Tools for Success)  \$4187	Provide a portfolio (file box) for 70 newly licensed providers county wide that assists new providers with the health and safety and business aspects of family child care, (e.g., a calendar keeper, file folders, a clipboard, small dry erase board, safety latches and a one year membership to CCRC's Toy and Resource Lending Library).	N/A	Idea considered to be practical and involves a home visit which was also considered favorably. Some items may be obtained through donations and resulted in recommended funding at a reduced amount.	\$2500
UCP of SLO  \$20,000	Purchase of equipment to increase access for children with disabilities to child care facilities throughout the county.	N/A	Project addresses children with Special Needs and contains a good evaluation plan and leveraging of other funds. Sustainability over the long term was a concern.	\$10,000
SLOCOE State Preschool (Even Start)  \$16,350	Purchase of furnishings and supplies for new State preschool program, early literacy program, and child care programs offered jointly with Lucia Mar Adult Education in Oceano.	N/A	Score was sufficient to recommend funding in this sub-group. Due to the number of requests and funding limitations, recommended funding is sufficient for requested amount in Preschool Learning Materials and Furnishings line item.	\$10,000

**Totals for Child Care and Early Education Focus Area:**

**Recommendations For Funding = 17**

**Total Recommended Funding = \$ 92,800.00**