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**Ready by Five Early Childhood Millage
Resident Proposal Review Board Funding Allocation Summary
Proposed for Approval to the First Steps Kent Early Childhood Commission
September 30, 2021**

The Ready by Five Resident Proposal Review Board met September 21-24, 2021, to review 31 proposals submitted under the following four RFP categories:

1. Outreach and Navigation Programming
2. Healthy Development
3. Early Learning
4. Parent Education and Support

On September 23, 2021, the Ready by Five Resident Proposal Review Board (RPRB) recommended 27 proposals for funding totaling \$15,404,250 (Year One period of January-December 2022 at \$7,519,661 and Year Two period of January-December 2023 at \$7,884,589). Recommendations are as follows:

RFP 1: Outreach and Navigation (\$3,762,219)

	FAMILY FUTURES	FAMILY PROMISE OF GRAND RAPIDS	HEALTH NET OF WEST MICHIGAN	Kent ISD
	Connections - Outreach and Navigation	Outreach, Screening and Navigation Services for Families with Children at Risk of or Experiencing Homelessness	Continuation and Expansion of Early Childhood Outreach and Navigation at Clinical Delivery Sites	Help Me Grow Kent
Year 1 (2022)	\$445,000	\$173,995	\$825,712	\$415,865
Year 2 (2023)	\$458,350	\$206,325	\$825,713	\$411,259
Total	\$903,350	\$380,320	\$1,651,425	\$827,124

RFP 2: Healthy Development (\$3,803,355)

	ARBOR CIRCLE CORPORATION	ARBOR CIRCLE CORPORATION	EASTERSEALS MICHIGAN INC	FAMILY FUTURES	HEALTHY HOMES COALITION OF WEST MICHIGAN	KENT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
	Infant Toddler Developmental Services - ITDS	Keep Early Education Positive - KEEP	Easterseals Michigan, Health Development	Connections - Healthy Development	Healthy Homes Nido Home Screening Project	Lead Program Expansion
Year 1 (2022)	\$177,871	\$320,456	\$150,130	\$372,163	\$240,710	\$547,030
Year 2 (2023)	\$183,865	\$326,746	\$249,054	\$411,900	\$240,710	\$582,720
Total	\$361,736	\$647,202	\$399,184	\$784,063	\$481,420	\$1,129,750

RFP 3: Early Learning (\$3,134,277)

	EARLY LEARNING NEIGHBORHOOD COLLABORATIVE	READY FOR SCHOOL	COMPREHENSIVE THERAPY CENTER INC	GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	KENT ISD	VIBRANT FUTURES
	Play to Learn	Reach out and Read	Therapeutic Playgroups	GRCC Early Learning Communities Play and Learn Groups	Bright Beginnings Playgroups	Little Learners
Year 1 (2022)	\$241,263	\$496,256	\$17,550	\$502,959	\$97,591	\$159,994
Year 2 (2023)	\$241,263	\$589,825	\$17,550	\$506,500	\$101,013	\$162,513
Total	\$482,526	\$1,086,081	\$35,100	\$1,009,459	\$198,604	\$322,507

RFP 4: Parent Education and Support (\$4,704,399)

	BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES Hands Connected Refugee Parent Education	CHERRY STREET SERVICES INC Child Safety Passenger Program	FAMILY FUTURES Family Futures Child Safety Initiative
Year 1 (2021)	\$98,880	\$99,018	\$45,000
Year 2 (2022)	\$89,615	\$99,005	\$45,000
Total	\$188,495	\$198,023	\$ 90,000

	CHERRY STREET SERVICES INC Maternal Infant Health Program: Home Visiting for Pregnant Women and Mothers with Infants (MIHP)	D A BLODGETT-ST JOHNS Early Childhood Attachment	EASTERSEALS-MICHIGAN INC Easterseals Michigan, Incredible Years Home Visiting
Year 1 (2021)	\$288,591	\$103,164	\$135,349
Year 2 (2022)	\$293,619	\$111,585	\$137,328
Total	\$582,210	\$ 214,749	\$272,677

	FAMILY FUTURES Healthy Families	Kent ISD Bright Beginnings Home Visiting	MOMSBLOOM INC Postpartum Support
Year 1 (2021)	\$195,520	\$263,180	\$144,110
Year 2 (2022)	\$198,512	\$274,532	\$139,610
Total	\$394,032	\$537,712	\$283,720

	SPECTRUM HEALTH HOSPITALS Baby Scholars	SPECTRUM HEALTH HOSPITALS Strong Beginnings	VIBRANT FUTURES Little Scholars
Year 1 (2021)	\$126,702	\$692,376	\$143,226
Year 2 (2022)	\$129,312	\$707,939	\$143,226
Total	\$256,014	\$1,400,315	\$286,452

The purpose of Ready by Five services is to support the healthy development and early learning of all young children (through age five) in Kent County. The proposals funded include a strategic focus on meeting the needs of children not currently receiving services. In addition, this most recent round ensures services can reach and serve families when COVID-19 physical

distancing requirements are in place. Contracts for this most recent allocation will begin January 1, 2022 and continue through December 31, 2023. These recommended amounts are in addition to the 12 contracts allocated in 2020 and currently in place with service providers that will continue through FY 2022 (Total of \$1,501,156.00).

In addition to the allocations listed above the Kent County Administrator's office has authorized FY 2022:

- \$60,000 for the Kent County Health Department to cover staff time related to data collection technical assistance support.
- \$193,240 for the Ready by Five Evaluation.

Pending the First Steps Kent Early Childhood Commission's approval, the total amount for all FY 2022 allocations (new and continuing) going before the Kent County Board of Commission is: \$9,274,057.

Once approved by the First Steps Kent Early Childhood Commission, the recommendations will go before the Kent County Board of Commissioners for approval as follows:

- In November or December 2021 (date TBD) the decisions will be brought to the Kent County Board of Commissioners Finance and Physical Resources Committee to review and approve the recommendations for funding.
- In November or December 2021 (date TBD) the Kent County Board of Commissioners will review and give the final approval of the Resident Proposal Review Board's funding recommendations.

A full list of contracts and recommended amounts FY 2022 are listed by Service Type on the following pages.

Ready by Five 2021 Allocations (By Service Type)

Outreach and Navigation (Total: \$2,930,087)		FY 2022
<i>Note: New allocations in bolds and highlight.</i>		
Parent Engagement: Engaging, Involving and Equipping Parents Involved with the Child Welfare System (West Michigan Partnership for Children)		305,976
Outreach and Navigation Services for Families Experiencing Homelessness (Family Promise)		60,108
Outreach, Screening and Navigation Services for Families with Children at Risk of or Experiencing Homelessness (Family Promise)		173,995
<i>Total Family Promise</i>		234,103
Hands Connected Early Childhood Navigation Services (Bethany Christian Services)		100,000
Family Futures Outreach and Navigation Connections Expansion (Family Futures)		440,690
Connections - Outreach and Navigation (Family Futures)		445,000
<i>Total Family Futures</i>		885,690
Fostering Connections: Connecting Foster Children and Families to Early Childhood Service (Health Net of West Michigan)		128,205
Continuation and Expansion of Early Childhood Outreach and Navigation at Clinical Delivery Sites (Health Net of West Michigan)		825,712
<i>Total Health Net of West Michigan</i>		953,917
Outreach and Navigation Services (Hispanic Center of Western Michigan)		34,536
Kent ISD Help Me Grow Kent		415,865

Healthy Development (Total: \$2,135,001)	
<i>Note: New allocations in bolds and highlight.</i>	
Promote, Refer, Education - Keep Early Education Positive (PRE-KEEP) (Early Learning Neighborhood Collaborative)	150,379
Family Futures Healthy Development Connections Enhancement (Family Futures)	37,300
Family Futures Connections Healthy Development	372,163
<i>Total Family Futures</i>	409,463
FIMR Network Lead (Kent County Health Department)	138,962
Kent County Health Department Lead Program Expansion	547,030
Infant Toddler Development Services - ITDS (Arbor Circle Corporation)	177,871
Keep Early Education Positive - KEEP (Arbor Circle Corporation)	320,456
<i>Total Arbor Circle</i>	498,327
Healthy Homes Nido Home Screening Project (Healthy Homes Coalition West Michigan)	240,710
Easterseals Michigan Health Development	150,130

Parenting Education and Support (Total: \$2,440,116)	
<i>Note: New allocations in bolds and highlight.</i>	
Translation and Interpretation	Translation and Interpretation Support
Bethany Christian Services	35,000
Hispanic Center of West Michigan	35,000
Liaison Linguistics	35,000
Child Safety Initiative	
Bethany Christian Services - Hands Connected Refugee Parent Education	98,880
Cherry Street Services, Inc - Child Safety Passenger Program	99,018
Family Futures - Child Safety Initiative	45,000
Home Visiting	
Cherry Street Services, Inc - Maternal Infant Health Program: Home Visiting for Pregnant Women and Mothers with infants (MHP)	288,591
D.A. Blodgett - St Johns - Early Childhood Attachment	103,164
Easterseals of Michigan, Inc - Easterseals Michigan Incredible Years Home Visiting	135,349
Family Futures - Healthy Families	195,520
Kent ISD - Bright Beginnings Home Visiting	263,180
Momsbloom, Inc - Postpartum Support	144,110
Spectrum Health Hospitals - Baby Scholars	126,702
Spectrum Health Hospitals - Strong Beginnings	692,376
<i>Total Spectrum Health</i>	819,078
Vibrant Futures - Little Scholars	143,226

Early Learning (Total: \$1,515,613)	
<i>Note: New allocations in bolds and highlight.</i>	
Early Learning Neighborhood Collaborative - Play to Learn	241,263
Ready for School - Reach out and Read	496,256
Comprehensive Therapy Center, Inc - Therapeutic Playgrounds	17,550
Vibrant Futures - Little Learners	159,994
Kent ISD - Bright Beginnings Playgroups	97,591
Grand Rapids Community College - GRCC Early Learning Communities Play and Learn Groups	502,959

In addition to the service provider contracts above, additional Ready by Five Millage funds have been allocated as follows FY 2022:

- \$60,000 for the Kent County Health Department to cover staff time related to data collection technical assistance support.
- \$146,000 for Basis Policy Research to carry out evaluation of Ready by Five funding.
- \$47,240 for Emmy O'Dwyer, LLC to support with Equitable Evaluation Consultation.

Total Ready by Five Allocations for 2022: \$9,274,057