



**Ready by Five Early Childhood Millage
Resident Proposal Review Board Funding Recommendations
Presented to First Steps Kent Commission for Approval
January 16, 2020**

The allocation amounts for the Ready by Five Home Visiting and Healthy Development Programming, Play and Learn Communities Programming, and Healthy and Safe Home Programming were recommended by the Ready by Five Review Board on December 13, 2019. Once approved by the First Steps Kent Early Childhood Commission on January 16, 2020, the recommendations will go before the Kent County Board of Commissioners as follows:

- On January 21 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.
- On January 23 The Kent County Board of Commissioners will review and give the final approval of the Resident Proposal Review the Board's funding recommendations.

The purpose of each category of services is to support the healthy development and early learning of young children age five and under in Kent County. The proposals requested reaching and engaging expectant parents and parents of young children, with a strategic focus on those with the highest need and ensuring children in all areas of Kent County has access to quality services.

The Ready by Five Resident Proposal Review Board reviewed 27 proposals and met on December 10, 12, and 13, 2019 to determine recommendations on which organizations were to receive funding and allocated an amount to each proposal. The Resident Proposal Review Board included nine members, including:

- Four Parent Representatives who come from different parts of Kent County and represent the diversity of the community.
- Sandra Ghoston-Jones, Management Analyst, Kent County Administrator's Office
- Phil Staggs, Kent County Commissioner
- Monica Sparks, Kent County Commissioner
- Dr. Juan Olivarez, First Steps Kent Commission
- Joanne Kelty, Early Childhood Expert

Twenty-three proposals within sixteen agencies were recommended for funding. Contracts will begin in March 2020 and continue through December 2021.

The Resident Proposal Review Board recommended a total allocation of \$7,605,533.27. This amount includes:

- Year one (March-December 2020) amount being \$3,269,385.70
- Year two (January-December 2020) totaling \$4,336,147.87

The Home Visiting and Healthy Development and Healthy and Safe Home Programming Request for Proposals were structured to include additional outcomes-based payments for agencies who achieve select process and performance objectives that ensure resources are specifically targeted to communities that are traditionally underserved based on race and/or ethnicity, as well as zip code. Based on the Resident Proposal Review Board's recommendations, an additional amount of \$224,038 has been included in the allocation total for this purpose.

The total amount recommended amount for Ready by Five Early Childhood Millage funding for the proposals included below is \$7,829,571.57. A complete list of proposals by RFP category with allocations for each agency is included below.

Healthy Development Proposals: \$1,715,010.17

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Total</u>
Infant Toddler Developmental Services (Arbor Circle)	\$202,541.00	\$253,165.00	\$455,706.00
Keep Early Education Positive (Arbor Circle)	\$104,060.00	\$130,130.00	\$234,190.00
<i>Total Arbor Circle</i>	\$306,601.00	\$383,295.00	\$689,896.00
Home Visiting and Healthy Development Through Integrated Multidisciplinary Health Teams (Cherry Health)	\$123,996.40	\$157,813.60	\$281,810.00
Building Connections: Parent Coaching Combined with Developmental Screening (Family Futures)	\$76,247.35	\$91,496.82	\$167,744.17
Family Engagement and Stabilization Program (Family Promise)	\$104,800.00	\$125,760.00	\$230,560.00
Reach Out and Read Healthcare Collaborative to Improve Healthy Development in Kent County (Ready for School)	\$150,000.00	\$195,000.00	\$345,000.00
Total Healthy Development	\$761,644.75	\$953,365.42	\$1,715,010.17

Home Visiting Proposals: \$2,880,558

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Total</u>
Little Scholars Parent Coaching (Camp Fire West Michigan 4C)	\$68,181.82	\$81,818.18	\$150,000.00
Early Childhood Attachment (D.A. Blodgett)	\$163,658.00	\$198,340.00	\$361,998.00
Incredible Years Home Visiting Program (Easter Seals, Inc.)	\$123,091.50	\$147,709.80	\$270,801.30
Flourish at Home (Early Learning Neighborhood Collaborative)	\$79,545.45	\$95,454.55	\$175,000.00
Kent County Healthy Families (Family Futures):	\$115,909.09	\$139,090.91	\$255,000.00
Bright Beginnings Home Visiting Expansion (Kent ISD)	\$126,023.00	\$147,045.00	\$273,068.00
Expansion of In-Home, Hands-On, Postpartum Support (MomsBloom)	\$47,000.00	\$58,750.00	\$105,750.00
Baby Scholars - Play and Learn Strategies (Spectrum Health System)	\$97,444.00	\$118,401.00	\$215,845.00
Strong Beginnings – Healthy Start (Spectrum Health System)	\$488,241.00	\$584,853.00	\$1,073,094.00
Total Home Visiting	\$1,309,093.86	\$1,571,462.44	\$2,880,556.30

Play and Learn Community Proposals: \$1,586,056

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Total</u>
Little Learners Play Group (Camp Fire West Michigan 4C)	\$120,536.82	\$144,644.18	\$265,181.00
Supporting Families through Play and Learning: EatPlayGrow (Cherry Health)	\$72,200.00	\$70,900.00	\$143,100.00
Play and Learn Communities Programming (Comprehensive Therapy Center)	\$74,168.00	\$74,168.00	\$148,336.00
Play to Learn (Early Learning Neighborhood Collaborative)	\$187,657.00	\$170,228.00	\$357,885.00
Early Learning Communities Play and Learn Groups (GRCC - Phyllis Fratzke Early Childhood Learning Laboratory)	\$250,844.00	\$420,709.00	\$671,553.00
Total Play and Learn Community Programming	\$705,405.82	\$880,649.18	\$1,586,055.00

Healthy and Safe Home Programming Proposals: \$1,423,909.10

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Total</u>
Healthy and Safe Homes through Integrated Care (Cherry Health)	\$34,034.09	\$40,840.91	\$74,875.00
Healthy and Safe Home Screening Project (Healthy Homes Coalition)	\$85,650.00	\$445,970.00	\$531,620.00
Lead Program Expansion (Kent County Health Department)	\$373,557.18	\$443,859.92	\$817,417.10
Total Healthy and Safe Home Programming	\$493,241.27	\$930,670.83	\$1,423,912.10