Item:

Robinson Associates, Inc. – Special Needs Listening Sessions: Final Phase

Requested Action:

1. Approve agreement with Robinson Associates, Inc.

Background:

Robinson Associates, Inc. began working with the Children's Trust in FY 2025–26 to support the Trust's goal of identifying ways to better serve children with special needs in the community. The listening project gathers input from parents, community partners, and professionals regarding available resources, current challenges, and opportunities for improvement.

As the project enters its final phase, staff requests approval of the attached agreement with Robinson Associates, Inc. Approval will allow staff to complete the project using Board-approved funding included in the FY 2026–27 budget.

The final phase will include three community meetings; completion of any interviews not conducted during the first phase; one additional parent focus group; two school district meetings for district educators and leaders; and presentation of the project findings and recommendations at the March 8, 2027, Board meeting.

Attachments:

1. Robinson Associates, Inc. FY 26-27 agreement

Programmatic Impact:

1. Goal 1: Children and youth are healthy and have nurturing caregivers and relationships
    a. Focus Area: Children and youth with special needs

Fiscal Impact:

$40,000

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval