



Item:

Recommendation to apply and accept a Pritzker Children's Initiative Mini Grant (Mia Jones)

Requested Action:

- 1) The Trust is asked to authorize staff to apply and accept a Pritzker Children's Initiative mini grant not to exceed \$100,000.

Background:

The Pritzker Children's Initiative is offering small grants to its community and state grantees ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000 focused on specific priority areas of work within the Prenatal to age three activities. The hope is that these funds can better support and strengthen targeted strategies. The mini grant from the Trust will focus on family voice.

Strategy 1.1 of the Community Innovation grant is to increase outreach and engagement of families in children living < 200% FPL. Policies, programs, and practices are more likely to be responsive and effective to the needs of families if families are engaged in the design and implementation process.

The Family Leader Network will be a school and neighborhood-based initiative that is intended to build community capacity to empower and engage all families in their children's learning and healthy development. In collaboration with the Alachua County School Board, other community stakeholders, and families the Trust will utilize the mini grant to co-design a Family Leader Network and adopt a model tailored to Alachua County. We are considering the Family Focused Organizing model through Community Organizing Family Issues (COFI) and reviewing the work of the organization Parents for Public Schools. To increase participation in the co-design sessions from families with infant and toddlers, the mini grant will include funding for childcare, food, and stipends. The hope is the Family Leader Network will not only be co-designed by families but also led and sustained by families moving forward.

Once the award is made, the staff will present to the CTAC a budget amendment to receive and appropriate the funds.

Programmatic Impact:

Goal 3- All children have nurturing and supportive caregivers and relationships

Strategy 3.2- Improving family strengthening and supports

Fiscal Impact:

TBD

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval