



September 16, 2019

## STAFF REPORT

**MEMO TO: SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION**

**FROM: MICHELE BLAKE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**SUBJECT: SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES FY 2019-2020 MINI GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** It is the recommendation of the Executive Director that the Commission approve funding \$25,000.00 for the Community and Childcare Provider Mini Grants as submitted.

**BACKGROUND:** Sutter County Children & Families Commission has invested over \$700,000 in mini grants for community projects and childcare providers since 2001. These mini grant funds have provided a wide variety of services and opportunities for Sutter County children and families including book giveaways, child care provider materials, computers, literacy activities, shot registry services, educational workshops, school readiness activities, provider education classes, community outreach and education projects, library improvement projects and community events. The Commission is committed to supporting the efforts of community projects and childcare providers to improve the lives of children and their families in Sutter County.

In June 2019 the Commission approved the release of \$25,000 in funding for mini grants. The mini grant application was released, and 10 community applications and 12 childcare provider applications were received by the application deadline. All applicants attended the mandatory application workshop and were provided with technical assistance to complete their applications. All applications received by the deadline were reviewed. The total funding requests for the 10 community mini grant applicants are \$35,271.78 and the total funding requests for the 12 childcare provider mini grant applicants are **\$15,488.54**.

**CURRENT PROPOSAL:** Based on the scores of the childcare mini grant review committee, the Executive Director proposes to fund the following childcare mini grant applicants.

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Site Name	Project Name	Summary of Project	Amount Recommended
Kidz Time- Richland Site	Outdoor Kitchen & Furniture Set	Outdoor kitchen and furniture set to enhance creativity and encourage dramatic play.	\$900
Penny's Playschool- Penny Samson	New Outdoor Equipment & Garden Boxes	To promote physical activity and develop motor skills. To promote healthy eating and vegetable awareness.	\$1,000
Mother Goose	Outdoor Playground	Update supplies and bring in new equipment and some outdoor science.	\$1,394
Creative Kids- Marcia Site	Water & Sand Table Exploration & Motor Skills Development	Purchase preschool area rugs, water & sand table accessories, and trikes to enhance and foster development of motor, sensory, social, emotional, scientific, mathematic, creativity skill.	\$750
Creative Kids- Walton Site	Water & Sand Table Exploration & Motor Skills Development	Purchase preschool area rugs, water & sand table accessories, and trikes to enhance and foster development of motor, sensory, social, emotional, scientific, mathematic, creativity skill.	\$750
Creative Kids- Lincoln Site	Water & Sand Table Exploration & Motor Skills Development	Purchase preschool area rugs, water & sand table accessories, and trikes to enhance and foster development of motor, sensory, social, emotional, scientific, mathematic, creativity skill.	\$1,000
Erika's Care Center- Erika Kraus	Quality Curriculum	Curriculum that will support quality childcare at Erika's Care Center.	\$800
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$6,594</b>

Based on the scores of the community provider mini grant review committee, the Executive Director proposes to fund the following community mini grant applicants.

<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Summary of Project</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
Community Memorial Museum Association	Project Improvements & Enhancements at Artisan Community Garden (ACG)	Artisan Community Garden at the Sutter County Museum offers gardening, yoga, art, and health programs and workshops for children for 0-5 in the Sutter County area.	\$750
Tricounties Breastfeeding Alliance	Maternal Mental Health Matters	Host a 2-day conference for medical professionals in the local area with a focus on Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders with subsequent increased screening, referral, and support.	\$2,600
Little Stars Music and Movement	On-site Music and Movement classes	Taking music & movement classes on-site to teach 0-5 year-old children about healthy choices through music.	\$1,575
Mindful Youth Adventures with Sumiko Sprague	Mindful Yoga Community Outreach	Multi-demographic yoga outreach program to enhance the lives of Sutter County children 0-5 and their caregivers to improve child development.	\$4,771
Regional Emergency Shelter Team (REST)	2019-2020 REST Winter Shelter Program	Provide shelter, meals, and supportive services to homeless families.	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$18,406</b>

**IMPACT ON COMMISSION RESOURCES:**

Commissioners approved \$25,000.00 in the 2019-2020 budget to fund mini-grant projects.

**POLICY ACTION REQUESTED:** It is requested that the Commission approves the recommendation of the Executive Director.

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