

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING ( ) Discussion only  
( X ) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): County Counsel

SUBJECT: Pendleton Children’s Center Grant

<p>Background:</p> <p>On November 9, 2022, the Board approved a grant from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund to the Pendleton Children’s Center in the amount of \$250,000. The grant was to be paid \$125,000 from the 2022-23 funds, and \$125,000 from the 2023-24 allotment. The first portion has been paid. The second round of the funding is expected in October or November 2023.</p> <p>Due to the closure of a child care center, the Pendleton Children’s Center has accelerated its expansion to accommodate additional children. The Center is requesting \$50,000 from the City of Pendleton. The City is considering a \$25,000 grant at its June 5 City Council Meeting. The request is to have this matched by the County, utilizing a portion of the \$125,000 second installment.</p>	<p>Requested Action:</p> <p>Approve payment of \$25,000 to the Pendleton Children’s Center from Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund at this time, with remaining \$100,000 to be paid on receipt of 2023-24 funding</p>
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ATTACHMENTS: City Proposed Resolution

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Checkoffs:

- ( ) Dept. Heard (copy)
- ( ) Human Resources (copy)
- ( ) Fiscal
- ( X ) Legal (copy)
- ( ) (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:  
Robert Pahl

Needed at Meeting:

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Scheduled for meeting on: June 7, 2023

Action taken:

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Follow-up:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2905****A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRIBUTION TO PENDLETON CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR FACILITY EXPANSION**

**The City Council of the City of Pendleton, Oregon, finds as follows:**

**WHEREAS**, Pendleton is a "childcare desert" in which there are too few licensed slots for the number of children who need care; and

**WHEREAS**, a major provider of childcare services in Pendleton is closing effective June 1, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need in our community for at least 150 new child care slots; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pendleton recognizes that many people need childcare in order to maintain employment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pendleton recognizes that the lack of childcare in Pendleton is a barrier to recruitment and retention of employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pendleton recognizes that early childcare programs benefit children, families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Pendleton Children's Center is an Oregon Domestic Nonprofit Corporate entity providing child care and early education for children 6 weeks to 5 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Pendleton Children's Center is currently seeking funding for expansion of the facility to provide for services for an additional 100 children; and

**WHEREAS**, Pendleton Children's Center has requested from the City of Pendleton a grant of \$50,000 for the construction of additional facilities for accommodation of children in need of childcare; and

**WHEREAS**, expansion of the Pendleton Children's Center will further the public interest and benefit the Pendleton community with positive social and economic impacts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Pendleton, Oregon as follows:

1. To grant \$25,000 to the Pendleton Children's Center, which will be matched with the acceleration of \$25,000 in funds from an existing Umatilla County grant, to be used for the purpose of expansion and renovation of its facility at 510 SW 10<sup>th</sup> St. in Pendleton and resulting in services to more children. These funds are given with the intent and expectation that preference in acceptance at the Pendleton Children's Center will be given for the children who will lose childcare services from the upcoming closure of Room 2 Bloom Daycare and Preschool.
2. This grant will be funded from the City Community Development Fund, which is a discretionary fund that historically has been used for economic development purposes.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Pendleton, Oregon, on June 6, 2023.

APPROVED:

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John H. Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Recorder

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney