



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-6496, **Agenda Item #:** 12.

1/30/2025

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the contract with Raising Austin d/b/a Together 4 Children to add two additional cohorts of the Child Care Leadership program in an amount not to exceed \$351,270 and to extend the contract termination date to March 31, 2026, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,053,810. Funding: \$351,270 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of the Economic Development Department.

Lead Department

Economic Development.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$351,270 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of the Economic Development Department.

Prior Council Action:

May 18, 2023 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of the original contract (item 29 on the agenda).

August 29, 2024 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of an amendment extending the term of the contract and adding funds for two additional cohorts (item 21 on the agenda).

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Together 4 Children provides workforce development leadership training for childcare administrators to help stem the loss of high-quality, licensed childcare workers, and combat worker-retention challenges in the critical childcare services industry.

The Economic Development Department is currently developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) solicitation to award the next round of contracts for the workforce development services it manages, but the RFP will not launch until 2025 and the new contract will not begin until 2026. This amendment will allow Together 4 Children to offer two additional training cohorts in 2025-2026 while the RFP is being conducted, providing training to 60 additional childcare administrators (30 per cohort).

The contract supports the following City and Economic Development Department goals, key indicators, and performance measures:

City Council Top 10 Indicator: Skill and Capability of Our Community Workforce

City Measure: Number and percentage of people who successfully complete Workforce Development training.

EDD Goal: Cultivate and invest in workforce development programming that matches employers' skill needs

and successfully prepares economically disadvantaged residents for family-sustaining careers.

EDD Key Performance Indicators:

- Number of jobs supported.

Number and percentage of trainees who successfully complete a workforce development program that earn a self-sustaining wage.