

Agenda Item 1.3.1

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING PAPER

Topic: Head Start Early Care and Education Grant

Presented By: Rachel Meixner, Head Start Division Director

Date: 5/20/2025

☐ For Information

☐ For Discussion/Board Direction

☒ Consent to
Place on Business/
Hearing Agenda

Issue: Jefferson County Head Start (JCHS) requests approval to apply for and accept up to \$100,000 in grant funds from the Colorado Gives Foundation to support the implementation of Jeffco Bright Futures Roadmap strategies.

Background: The Colorado Gives Foundation has a grant opportunity available to support improving access to quality childcare and education for Jefferson County children 8 years old and younger. Specifically, they will fund community partners who are advancing work in alignment with the Jeffco Bright Futures Roadmap.

Discussion: The work done within JCHS very closely aligns with the Jeffco Bright Futures Roadmap. These funds will provide general operating support, allowing JCHS to offset existing costs and provide additional services to children and families beyond what is achievable within our current budget. These services include in-house field trips, paid internships, materials and training necessary to improve program quality, and expanding current parenting class offerings.

Fiscal Impact: ☒ **yes** ☐ **no**

- Year(s) of impact: 2025-2027
- Existing grant or project: No
- New grant or project: Yes
- Requested in adopted budget: No
- Ongoing or one-time: One time
- General Fund impact: None
- Staffing impact: None
- Match requirements: None
- Mandate/Contractual obligation: None

SPA Review: Support with no concerns, Sherry Wilger, 5/8/25

County Attorney Review: Support with no concerns, Jean Biondi, 5/8/25

Facilities Review: No Fiscal Impact, Mark Danner, 5/8/25

BIT Review: No Fiscal Impact, Andy Corbett, 5/8/25

Fleet Review: No Fiscal Impact, Janice Mayer, 5/8/25

County Human Resources Review (new FTE only): No FTE

Recommendations: That the Board of County Commissioners authorizes Jefferson County Head Start to (1) apply for and, if awarded, accept up to \$100,000 from the Colorado Gives Foundation; and (2) place an item on a future hearing agenda to supplement the 2025 Head Start budget and appropriation up to \$100,000 offset by a like amount in grant revenue.

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