

MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Board of Directors

From: Elana Como, ELRC Director

Date: June 19, 2025

Subject: Update on YMCA Grant Applications and Recommendation for Inclusion of Pre-K Counts Educators

At the time of submission for the YMCA grant applications, the YMCA Director included eight (8) Pre-K Counts (PKC) teachers in the staff count on the application spreadsheet. However, the funding allocations specific to those PKC teachers were inadvertently omitted from the submission. The applications were submitted reflecting only the dollar amounts for childcare staff.

The Director's understanding was that if additional funds became available, the Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC) would follow up to confirm availability and subsequently apply the funding to support the PKC teachers. In alignment with this expectation—and due to the availability of sufficient funds—the ELRC has now added the appropriate funding allocations for these eight PKC educators to the YMCA's original grant application.

As a result, the total proposed grant award for the Erie YMCA will increase from **\$144,251** to **\$188,387.50**, representing a difference of **\$44,136.50**.

Recommendation:

We recommend the Board approve the inclusion of these 8 Pre-K Counts educators in the grant award, as adequate funds are available and their roles were initially included in the staff counts, aligning with the intent of the original application.

Please let us know if you have any questions or require additional details.

Respectfully,

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