



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 24-1385, **Version:** 1

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**Department:** Purchasing

**Department Head/Elected Official:** DeWight Dopslauf

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA

**Type of Request:** Contract - Amendment

**Project ID (if applicable):** 220410

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):** Kids' Meals, Inc.

**MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable):** N/A

**MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable):** N/A

**Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal:** 0% - Non-Divisible

### **Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

Request by the Office of the Purchasing Agent that the County Judge execute an amendment to an agreement with Kids' Meals, Inc. for pilot or expand early childhood programs through the Early Childhood Impact Fund for Harris County for the extended period of June 6, 2025 - December 5, 2025, with no increase in the total contract amount (220410), Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: 0% - Non-Divisible.

### **Background and Discussion:**

In October 2020, Commissioner's Court approved \$10 million in Harris County general funds for the Early Childhood Impact Fund, designed to invest in programs and interventions with significant potential to dramatically improve early childhood outcomes in Harris County. The goals of the fund include:

- Invest in the most promising, cost-effective, evidence-based solutions for improving early childhood outcomes in Harris County
- Build a stronger, more seamless network of early childhood service providers
- Prioritize rigorous data collection and evaluation
- Create pathways to long-term, scalable impact for further investment

The County released an RFP in late 2020 to solicit applications from service providers, organizations, and researchers to implement a three-year program. Three organizations were selected to receive funding: The Alliance, First3Years, and Texas Children's hospital. The organizations were selected to implement the following programs:

- Kids' Meals will receive an additional six (month) contract extension to expand their healthy meal delivery program to children and families in Harris County. The organization aims to end generational poverty by providing children with meals until they reach kindergarten thus negating low school engagement, substandard academic development, and poor emotional and physical health.

### **Expected Impact:**

The approval of this amendment will enable Kids’ Meals Inc. to start implementation of Early Childhood Impact Fund services with all pre-award documentation completed under the updated department.

**Alternative Options:**

N/A

**Alignment with Goal(s):**

- Justice and Safety
- Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- Public Health
- Transportation
- Flooding
- Environment
- Governance and Customer Service

**Prior Court Action (if any):**

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
12/19/2023	11	First Amendment Approved
6/6/2023	20	Agreement Approved
5/16/2023	387	Approval Collaborative for Children, Rupani Foundation and Kids’ Meals Inc. as part of the Early Childhood Impact Fund

**Location: N/A**

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Choose an item.

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name	Pilot or Expand Early Childhood Programs through the Early Childhood Impact Fund			
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expenses
<b>Funding Sources</b>				
<b>Existing Budget</b>				
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Additional Budget Request (Requires Fiscal Review Request Form)</b>				

Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Funding Request</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Personnel</b> (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Personnel</b>	-	-	-	-

**Anticipated Court Date: 3/26/2024**

**Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): N/A**

**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** COVID-19 related item

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**Attachments** (if applicable): Letter, Agreement