



**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING
AWARDS FOR THE NEW ORLEANS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
FACILITIES FUND GRANT PROGRAM**

RES. NO: 2024-13

MEETING: December 9, 2024

BY:

Commissioner: Johnson

SECONDED:

Commissioner: Antrum

The undersigned, being the duly elected Secretary of **NEW ORLEANS REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana (“Authority”), hereby certifies that by written consent, the following resolution was duly adopted:

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Early Childhood Education Facilities Fund Grant Program (“NOLA ECE Facilities Grant Program”) was created through a partnership between the Authority and Agenda for Children, Inc. (“AFC”), as a direct result of a new property-tax millage approved by New Orleans voters in 2022 and pursuant to the cooperative endeavor agreement between the Authority and AFC, authorized by the Authority on February 15, 2024, through Resolution 2024-02, to administer the ECE Facilities Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Authority approved and adopted the ECE Facilities Grant Program Policies and Procedures (the “ECE Policies & Procedures”) on June 10, 2024, through Resolution 2024-06, which acknowledged three (3) grant levels available to awardees: (1) SEED Grants up to \$50,000 for design and business-development technical assistance and minor facility improvements; (2) SUPPORT Grants up to \$100,000 for design and business-development technical assistance and facility renovations and expansion; and (3) GROW Grants up to \$250,000 for business-development technical assistance, expansion of existing facilities, and construction of new facilities, and that any grant will be both recoverable and forgivable over a two- to ten-year period, based on the grant level; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the ECE Policies & Procedures, SEED and SUPPORT Grants are approved by the Executive Director of the Authority, and GROW Grants are approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Application Period, as that term is defined in the NOLA ECE Facilities Grant Program Policies & Procedures, was held from September 4, 2024, through October 11, 2024, seeking applications from facility operators and developers to improve or build new early childhood education facilities; and

WHEREAS, responsive applications were reviewed by a scoring committee, composed of staff members of the Authority, which recommended grant awards to a total of two (2) applicants; and

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