2024-21

A RESOLUTION

SUBMITTING NOTICE TO THE OFFICE OF HEAD START THAT THE CITY DOES NOT INTEND TO APPLY FOR HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START GRANT FUNDS FOR THE FIVE-YEAR GRANT PERIOD THAT BEGINS ON JULY 1, 2025

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood (the "City") is a provider of the Federal Head Start program to qualifying Lakewood children;

WHEREAS, Head Start funds are appropriated by the U.S. Administration of Children and Families, Office of Head Start (the "Head Start Office");

WHEREAS, the City's Mayor or designee, as the City's official representative, is authorized to submit documents and assurances as required to administer the programs and expend Head Start funds;

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that opening the Lakewood service area to other organizations interested in providing Head Start and Early Head Start in Lakewood when the next five-year grant cycle begins on July 1, 2025, is in the best interests of the residents of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Colorado, that:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby approves notifying the Office of Head Start that the City of Lakewood does not intend to apply for Head Start and Early Head Start grant funds for the five-year grant cycle that begins on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 2. The City Council reserves the right to direct staff to reapply for grant funds in the future, and hereby directs City staff to notify the City Council of all major steps that occur in the application process for the five-year grant cycle that begins on July 1, 2025, including but not limited to, information regarding whether there were applicants for the grant funds upon initial offering by the Office of Head Start.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED by a vote of 7 for and 1 against at a hybrid regular meeting of the City Council on April 8, 2024, at 7 o'clock p.m., at Lakewood City Hall, 480 South Allison Parkway, Lakewood, Colorado.

ATTEST:

Jay Robb, City Clerk

Wendi Strom, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alison McKenney Brown, City Attorney