

RESOLUTION NO. 21 - _____

A Resolution Awarding Recipients Of The Richland County Early Childhood Education And Child Care Providers (ARPA) Grant

WHEREAS the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, as a new federal COVID-relief package which includes direct funding to counties through the U.S. Treasury Department in order to improve the safety, health and opportunity for all within our communities, with a focus on those most harmed by COVID-19, and

WHEREAS the Richland County’s Finance and Personnel Committee has approved an apportionment of up to \$335,099.90 in County ARPA funds for grants up to \$150,000 to local early childhood education centers (prospective education centers) and child care operations located in Richland County to assist the community with increased accessibility of care and increased safety of care in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS Finance and Personnel Committee directed administration to solicit for applications from Richland County providers with intension of making grant distributions to providers through a competitive grant process, and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has reviewed grant applications and has made dispersal proposals to the Finance and Personnel Committee who are now recommending these grant awards to the Richland County Board for their consideration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Richland County Board of Supervisors that the following Richland County Providers are granted the following in efforts to assist the community with increased accessibility of care and increased safety of care in response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- 1. Bethlehem Lutheran Church — \$116,220.00
- 2. Discovery Playschool — \$75,00.00.
- 3. Ithaca School District — \$100,724.00
- 4. Amanda Wagoner-Welsh — \$43,154.16

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these funds be distributed for use according to the proposed projects and by the understandings confirmed thorough the self-certification portion of the applications, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Administration will work with County Corporation Counsel to produce a grant award letter in which grant recipients will enter into prior to receiving funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Administration will be responsible for tracking and reporting provider expenditures to the Finance and Personnel Committee and the U.S. Treasury, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective upon its passage a publication.

VOTE ON FOREGOING RESOLUTION		RESOLUTION OFFERED BY THE	
AYES _____NOES _____		FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE	
RESOLUTION _____		FOR	AGAINST
DEREK S. KALISH COUNTY CLERK		SHAUN MURPHY-LOPEZ	X
		DAVID TURK	X
		MELISSA LUCK	X
		MARTY BREWER	X
		LINDA GENTES	X
		MARC COUEY	
DATED: DECEMBER 14, 2021		DONALD SEEP	X