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ABOUT US

OCFP Vision Statement

All of Santa Clara County's children have the supports needed to be safe, healthy, and successful in learning and in life.

County Mission

The mission of the County of Santa Clara is to plan for the needs of a dynamic community, provide quality services, and promote a healthy, safe, and prosperous community for all.

OCFP FY 2022-2023 WORKPLAN

Policy and Analysis

Follow and advocate for local, state, and federal policies that will facilitate an equity-forward and data-driven agenda that identifies the most critical needs of children and families, identifies promising practices, sustainable funding, and measures that lead to positive outcomes.

Collaboration and Partnerships

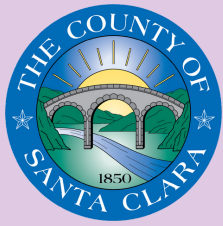
Cultivate and increase collaboration across County departments and with community partners to improve outcomes for children and families using data and evidence-based strategies.

Strategic Issues and Initiatives

In partnership with County agencies and organizations, facilitate analysis, planning, and pilot implementation of promising new initiatives that will support and strengthen early interventions and preventative practices.



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CHILDCARE AND EARLY EDUCATION INITIATIVES

The Board approved \$10 million in funding for FIRST 5 Santa Clara County to develop and implement a three-pronged strategy to bolster and strengthen the early learning and care workforce serving children from birth through five years of age. The strategy includes piloting the Apprenticeship Initiative, Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Teacher Equity Initiative, and Shared Services Alliance.

ARPA FUNDING

On February 28, 2023, the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors approved \$15 million to expand quality childcare slots. The funding comes from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), part of the coronavirus-relief package. OCFP is contracting with Valley Health Foundation to support the childcare infrastructure program for family- and center-based providers.

To prioritize high need communities that need access to childcare, OCFP formed an ad hoc Equity Committee that included FIRST 5 and the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Belonging, to determine equity criteria for the grant application process.

ARPA INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FUNDING

Major Construction



Planning and pre-development costs, universal design renovations, retrofitting to meet licensing requirements, and other related costs.

Minor Construction



Physical renovations to increase licensed capacity, including plumbing and fixtures, playground upgrades, kitchen renovations, and other related costs.

Operating Costs



Three months of rent, mortgage, and/or insurance; up to 24 months of wages to hire childcare staff; or other related supports.

September 2023
NOFA Release

January 2024
Grant Funding Disbursement

December 2026
Grant Program Closeout

