



CITY OF BEND

TO: COMMUNITY BUILDING COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE
FROM: CAROLYN EAGAN
DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2020
RE: PROPOSED COUNCIL ACTIONS FOR CHILDCARE GOAL

To support the Council Goal to increase the number of childcare slots in Bend by June 30, 2021 staff propose the following **Council Actions**:

- Add Childcare to Resolution 2423 adopted in 2003 which acknowledged the community benefit of providing affordable housing and created developer incentives and expedited review processes
- Approve Budget Adjustment moving funds from the Building Fund reserve fund to create three new resources for childcare providers:
 - FTE in CDD to assist development through building review process
 - Establish a fund to subsidize building permit fees for childcare providers
 - Improve communication with childcare providers on building review process

In addition to the proposed Council Actions, the following is underway:

Communication and Outreach

- Direct contact with existing childcare providers with 10 or fewer children to ask what it would take for those providers to increase capacity to 16 children.
- Through the business registration newsletter we are conducting a survey of businesses to see if businesses have financial capacity to contribute to childcare facilities.
- The BEDAB will host a focus group to learn about other solutions that have not been considered to date.
- Working with current leads from local providers and providers throughout the Pacific Northwest who would like to locate new facilities and programs in Bend.

Local & State regulation review

Meet with local licensing officials to determine the following:

1. City regulations or practices that create barriers
2. Other agency regulation or practices that create barriers
3. Any overlap between regulations or practices that create barriers



The responses to these questions will provide opportunities for staff in the Economic Development department to work with other City departments to remove local regulations or practices that create barriers to opening more childcare facilities in Bend. It will allow us to share state regulatory barriers or practices with the Governor's office and/or the Governor's Early Childhood Task Force. Finally, we'll revamp communication tools to make it easier for prospective childcare providers to work with City of Bend systems to add needed child care slots.

