



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 23-00085**

**Agenda Date: 5/23/2023**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Contract with Gainesville for All (GNV4ALL) Empowerment Zone Family Learning Center**

**Presenter:**

Claudia Tuck, Community Support Services Director, 352-231-0058

**Description:**

Agreement with GNV4ALL to support the operation of the Family Learning Center for \$350,000.00

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the Agreement with Gainesville for All, Inc. (GNV4ALL), including the mutual indemnification provision.

**Prior Board Motions:**

On 1/10/2023, the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") unanimously approved a motion to set aside one-time funds of \$350,000.00 for the GNV4ALL Empowerment Zone Family Learning Center with the use of funds coming from the unallocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. In addition, the Board requested that GNV4ALL continue to work with the Children's Trust and the Local Legislative Delegation for ongoing operation funding and report back to the Board of County Commissioners annually to provide a status update on the success of the Empowerment Zone Family Learning Center.

On 4/25/2023, the Board approved the American Rescue Plan - State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) - Revenue Recovery Project - Gainesville for All (GNV4ALL) Empowerment Zone Family Learning Center and allocated \$350,000.00 of funding.

**Fiscal Note:**

\$350,000.00 - 234.00.0064.569.82.93

**Strategic Guide:**

Social and Economic Opportunity

**Background:**

GNV4ALL was formed to address racial and economic inequities and is an initiative of The Gainesville Sun in partnership with the Community Foundation of North Central Florida. The Gainesville Empowerment Zone Family Learning Center, jointly sponsored by Gainesville for All and the Alachua County Public Schools, in its first three to five years will seek to transform public education to meet the needs of struggling local children and families.

GNV4ALL plans to offer early childhood care and education for 76 children from birth to age 5. Using an evidence-based curriculum, the Center will better prepare children for success in kindergarten to address the documented achievement gap. Additionally, GNV4ALL will undertake activities to engage parents in their child's education. The \$350,000.00 of funding provided through the Agreement will be leveraged with other funds from the City of Gainesville, private donations, and the Early Learning Coalition. The Agreement provides that funding will be available for the services described in the plan, which is the same plan approved by the Board on April 25, 2023. The Agreement also requires that the entity come back to Board to give a report annually during the term of the Agreement

GNV4ALL requested removal of the indemnification provision. However, they did agree to a contractual provision that each party be responsible for its own negligence. The Agreement contains a mutual indemnification provision. Resolution 14-33 specifies approval of this modification of the standard requirement by the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners ("Board").