



Agenda Item Summary

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Presentation by Gainesville for All (GNV4ALL) Family Learning Center – Status Update

Presenter:

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Description:

Presentation by GNV4ALL regarding the new Family Learning Center serving children from 6 weeks through 4 years old and their families to address racial inequities in early childhood learning.

Recommended Action:

Hear presentation and receive written status report.

Prior Board Motions:

On 1/10/23 Commissioner Cornell moved to set aside one-time funds of \$350,000.00 for GNV4ALL Empowerment Zone Family Learning Center with the use of funds coming from the unallocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. In addition, request 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 5/23/23 the Board approved the contract to provide funding for the Empowerment Zone Family Learning Center.

Fiscal Note:

N/A

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.