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Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how Guam Department of Public Health & Social Service plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. **Direct Services/Subsidies** *[Describe how funds will be used to provide direct services.]*
  - During the declared period of emergency or disaster, subject to the Governor of Guam's signing a proclamation of a State of Emergency or Disaster, providers may be paid based on the enrollment status of subsidy families up to the Declaration end date subject to the availability of funds. That during an officially declared emergency or disaster, essential workers earning up to 200% of the current Federal Poverty guidelines are eligible for child care subsidy (Ref: BMS Policy 2020-03)
  - May expand initiatives for license-exempt providers (In-Home Providers) for families who wish to have this option, provided the 15 credit hours have been met annually;
2. **Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices** *[Describe how funds will be used to address implementation of virus mitigation policies and practices.]*
  - Propose an agreement between DPHSS Immunization and/or Division of Public Health in providing technical assistance to Child Care Providers to help them implement practices and policies in line with state and local health departments and the CDC by providing resources and supplies; or
  - Seek services from qualified professional consultant education and training instructional "offerors" through a Request for Proposal process.
3. **Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers** *[Describe how funds will be used to address grants or assistance to stabilize child care providers.]*
  - Similar to the CARES Act Grant, Guam DPHSS will seek to make subawards in keeping with the purposes of the grant to make multiple subawards to eligible subrecipients. An Applicant,

Child Care Providers will be given an opportunity to apply from a wide range of Quality/Supply building activities that are necessary to maintain or resume operations of the program through the pass-through CRRS Act Federal Grant, in keeping with its needs under the grant. The Applicant, Child Care Provider may be required to demonstrate the economic impact availing of the funds would have on their childcare facility, how it would enable the child care provider to best serve the community and how they intend to meet the purpose of ensuring the health & safety of children related to COVID-19 pandemic, by providing a budget report on how these funds may be spent.

4. **Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic** *[Describe how funds will be used to provide assistance to providers not participating in the subsidy system prior to the pandemic.]*
  - DPHSS CCDF will seek to make subawards in keeping with the purposes of the grant to make multiple subawards to eligible subrecipient and may provide a one-time incentive Non-Subsidized Child Care Payment to eligible Subrecipients. Eligible subrecipient will be given \$100 each for the number of Non-Subsidize Child Care Payment.
  - DPHSS CCDF will procure supplies cleaning and sanitizing, personal protection equipment (PPE) such as children/adult masks, and other supplies on a quarterly basis.
5. **Other** *[Describe other ways funds will be used. This can include any other allowable CCDF expenditure as described in your approved CCDF plan.]*
  - Invest in a database to help support the CCDF functions in the monitoring and tracking of information which includes but is not limited to program integrity, fiscal management, etc
  - Will continue to support the ongoing Social Emotional Training on Conscious Discipline in partnership with Department of Education by procuring early childhood education resources to target educators such as teachers, child care providers, head start, Pre GATE, PreK etc) who teach children from birth to age 8.
  - Will seek additional training in partnership within DPHSS and local and regional organization such as CEEDERS (University of Guam), to target CCDF Parent & Families in coping with the pandemic situation.

The DPHSS CCDF will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

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