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Hello Mayor and Council,

At the 2023 Social Policy grants briefing on July 10, there were some questions regarding the granting recommendations for several childcares: some are larger and many are recommended to receive the same grant amount. Please find below some additional information from General Manager Sandra Singh:

- Staff note that there is no clear, set ratio of total grant to number of spaces; recommended allocations is based on a variety of factors, including the indicators of vulnerability that staff shared in the briefing.
- For example, when looking at the difference between Strathcona at 174 Out of School (OSC) spaces with a recommended grant of \$27K versus, for example, Duke Street Early Learning and Care Centre which is an all-day 3-5 program with 32 spaces and a 27K grant.
  - Due to limited funding and an extensive range of childcare centres, grants are capped at \$27,000 per childcare centre.
  - The example above is an Out of School Care program which is 1-2 hours before school and 1-2 hours after school which provides different care and has a very different cost versus a full day centre.
  - Strathcona is a \$10aDay site so the grant is pro-rated to take that into consideration.
- As in the example above, using straight numbers for the comparison is not straightforward. In general, staff try to concentrate support to make affordable the more costly, full day 0-5 year old programs that provide longer care, have more rigorous licensing requirements, and are in higher demand.
- To extend the comparison to other childcares in the provided list, staff are recommending for Strathcona the maximum grant because of the number of spaces they have, compared to Sunset Out of School Care that is recommended for a \$17K grant (fewer spaces and is not a \$10aDay site).
- As with most grant program, demand exceeds the existing budget and so staff consider these factors when making decisions on allocations.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to email Sandra directly and she can ensure a response.

Best,  
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