

## UWGNH ECER EXPANSION - ENHANCEMENT FY23-FY26

Working with the city to restore and advance New Haven's early care and education system, the United Way of Greater New Haven (UWGNH) will administer \$1.4 million of American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds to support expansions and/or enhancement of existing early child care programs. The pandemic highlighted the essential nature of child care. Without sufficient child care, parents cannot work. We also know that quality child care helps children develop the foundation they need to grow, learn, and be successful students and adults. However, the early childhood "system" faces immense challenges in the wake of the pandemic. The economics of child care do not work: the cost of care is high, which puts it out of reach for many families. These ARPA funds are intended to help programs address some of the challenges they face so that they can better serve children and families in our community. To this end, UWGNH will develop and implement a Request for Proposal process for New Haven early care and education providers to select organizations for grant funding. Funds will be used for programs and/or initiatives that increase family access to early childhood education through:

- expanding program capacity via strategies including, but not limited to,
- classroom conversions,
- expanding hours of operation, and/or
- expanding staff.
- realize economies of scale
- meeting costs of mandated facility service standards
- other areas of technical / physical assistance that will broaden their ability to operate at higher capacity

UWGNH will prioritize serving vulnerable and underserved populations through this project. Post-selection, UWGNH staff will provide ongoing support to help build the funded organizations' capacity and success in implementation. In addition, UWGNH will monitor subgrantees both programmatically and fiscally to ensure compliance with City and federal requirements and will report on the results of the project at regular intervals.

**Contract Term:** 07/01/2023 to 12/31/2026

***Contract Cost:*** \$1,400,000.

3-Year Contract cost breakdown: \$26,000 personnel salaries/fringe ( VP Education, Program Director, Administrative Support) 1.8%; \$1,242,500 grants, 89%; and \$127,266 admin costs, 9%