

ACCEE Fund Implementation Team Strategic Approach

Foundational premise: *The IT's role is merely to get the funding decision-making process started. Decisions will ultimately be made by the Accountability Board, Assembly, and Mayor.*

→ Our role is to enable the Accountability Board, Assembly, and Mayor to make strategic, thoughtful, informed decisions that both meet immediate needs and build a more sustainable sector.

Product for the Accountability Board

To enable the Accountability Board to make strategic, thoughtful, informed decisions, the Implementation Team will provide them with a document containing the following:

1. Vision and guiding principles: what we're collectively trying to achieve over the first three years of the Fund
2. Decision-making matrix: what are the best possible options that will enable us to implement this vision? What are the benefits, costs, and unique considerations of each possible option? The matrix should include the following:
 - a. Top ideas from the white paper, pulling from the experiences and successes of other jurisdictions grappling with similar challenges
 - b. What ideas did we consistently hear in listening sessions, whether by parents, providers, employers, or otherwise?
 - c. What themes or specific ideas did we hear from survey responses?
 - d. What challenges or problems would the possible actions solve? Would they bolster the child care and early education workforce? Would they support parents? Would they reduce regulatory barriers? What are the expected outcomes?
 - e. Of the possible options, which could the Municipality realistically pursue? What would be the cost of different options, and what funding, regulatory, or other limitations would the Accountability Board need to consider?
 - i. This evaluation will involve gathering local data, i.e. how many providers are in the Municipality, how many of these providers have waitlists and/or could expand if certain options were selected, how many spots are currently unavailable because of lack of workforce or physical space, capital needs, etc.
3. After considering the above options and the corresponding data, what actions does the Implementation Team recommend taking and funding over the next three years? We will provide the Accountability Board with a draft budget for at least the first year, and at least some conceptual recommendations for the following two.

4. What does the IT recommend the Accountability Board consider next, i.e. what was not recommended for the first three years but is nonetheless still important to evaluate and potentially pursue later?

Other considerations

- How will this funding be administered, and by whom?
 - Will AHD, a third party, or staff to the Accountability Board be administering the ACCEE Fund? Would the Accountability Board staff oversee whichever entity administers it while also evaluating larger trends and opportunities for the Fund?
- Does the Accountability Board want to spend down all of the funds annually, or consider a trust with dividends that are spent over time?

Timeline

- Prior to the April 17th IT meeting, the draft document described above will be distributed to the Implementation Team
- At the April 17th IT meeting, the Implementation Team will begin its discussion of the draft document (1 hour)
- Between the April 17th and May 15th IT meetings, the small strategy group will implement feedback from the Implementation Team and makes any changes needed
- At the May 15th Implementation Team meeting, the Team will discuss the updated document in detail (1.5 hours)
- At the June 18th meeting, the Implementation Team will finalize the document for presentation to the Accountability Board (1.5 hours)