

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AR No. 2023-404, As Amended**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY ESTABLISHING  
AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND TIMELINE FOR THE ANCHORAGE CHILD  
CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION (ACCEE) FUND [~~(ACCEEF)~~] AND SEATING OF  
THE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD OF CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION**

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**WHEREAS**, in April of 2023, Proposition 14 – the Anchorage Child Care and Early Education (ACCEE) Fund [~~(ACCEEF)~~] – was approved by Anchorage voters by a nearly 12-point margin, to dedicate the Municipality of Anchorage’s annual marijuana sales tax revenue to child care and early childhood education; and

**WHEREAS**, as of January 1, 2024, marijuana tax revenue will be collected and placed in a dedicated fund, with an estimated five to six million dollars collected annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the (ACCEE) Fund [~~(ACCEEF)~~] can be utilized to increase access to child care and early education programs; support early reading programs; support child care and early education provider training, professional development, staffing, and livable wages; and/or funding facilities. Funding can be delivered in a variety of ways, including through the issuance of grants or the completion of studies or research related to child care and early education; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 14 directs an Accountability Board of Child Care and Early Education be established, with members appointed by the Anchorage Mayor and confirmed by the Anchorage Assembly, and serve as an advisory body to the Mayor and Assembly on use of the funds and present a proposed budget to both annually; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the Board will propose a first budget in fall 2024 during the FY25 annual budget approval process, and after the budget is approved by the Assembly, full implementation of these funds will begin in January 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, to ensure these funds are used effectively, a private and public partnership between the Municipality and the Alaska Children’s Trust (ACT) has formed to establish an Implementation Team, including three Assembly Members, a School Board Member, representatives from Head Start, thread Alaska, JBER, the Anchorage Health Department, community leaders, child care and early education providers, the business community and parents; and

**WHEREAS**, feedback from and engagement with stakeholders (providers, parents, businesses, and others) is essential to effectively develop the framework and processes to appropriate the funds, and the Implementation Team plans to hold a number of events engaging stakeholders in the process, including individual

1 meetings, presentations, listening sessions, and convening larger conversations  
2 about solving the community's child care and early education challenges; and  
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4 **WHEREAS**, the Implementation Team will be responsible for analyzing child care and  
5 early education best practices, strategies, and trends; communicating and engaging  
6 with the public about the **(ACCEE) Fund [(ACCEEF)]**; developing a draft three-year  
7 strategic plan detailing how best to use these funds immediately as well as how to  
8 build a sustainable system for families; and  
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10 **WHEREAS**, the Implementation Team will bring forward an ordinance to the  
11 Anchorage Assembly in 2024 that lays out the recommended composition,  
12 operations, and responsibility of the Accountability Board, to adopt the new advisory  
13 board in code; and  
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15 **WHEREAS**, with the Implementation Team's support and recommendations produced  
16 through this planning process the Board will prepare the Fund's first recommended  
17 annual budget, to be presented to the Anchorage Mayor and Assembly, and finalize a  
18 three-year strategic plan for the Fund;  
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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**  
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22 **Section 1.** To adopt the Proposition 14 Implementation Team's workplan, proposed  
23 timeline and anticipated deliverables described below, with monthly meetings  
24 planned:  
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26 **Phase 1 (October to December 2023)**

- 27 • As part of the private public partnership, Alaska Children's Trust hired a  
28 consultant to: serve as staff to the Implementation Team; develop and manage  
29 communications tools (including [www.careforkidsanchorage.com](http://www.careforkidsanchorage.com)); research  
30 best practices and emerging trends for funding child care and early education  
31 to support strategic, efficient, and effective budgeting and spending of the  
32 **(ACCEE) Fund [(ACCEEF)]**; and plan and execute stakeholder engagement  
33 sessions in many different forms, from small individual meetings to larger  
34 events.  
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36 **Phase 2 (January to March 2024)**

- 37 • Staff consultant, with the support of the Implementation Team, will hold  
38 stakeholder engagement sessions described above.
- 39 • Communications tools will continue to be used to keep the public informed of  
40 the progress and opportunities to participate in the process.
- 41 • Staff consultant will continue to develop and identify strategies for the  
42 Implementation Team to consider.  
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44 **Phase 3 (March to July 2024)**

- 45 • The Implementation Team, with the support of staff consultant as needed, will  
46 draft the ordinance language described in AO No. 2022-17(S-2), As Amended.  
47 The ordinance shall establish, per Section 6.06(b):  
48 ○ Accountability Board composition;  
49 ○ Accountability Board responsibilities; and  
50 ○ Accountability Board operations (yearly reports, evaluation of Executive

Director, budget development, etc.).

- By May 2024, the Implementation Team will bring forward an ordinance to the Anchorage Assembly.
- By June 2024, informed by trends and best practices identified by the staff consultant, the Implementation Team will develop a preliminary budget and a draft 3-year strategic plan for the use of future funding, both to be delivered to the Accountability Board for their consideration after they are seated.
- Beginning in July 2024, the Accountability Board will be seated. The Implementation Team will support the Board as it is seated.

**Section 2.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 21st day of November, 2023.



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Chair

ATTEST:



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Municipal Clerk