

ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA COMMUNICATION FORM

ITEM DATE: March 19, 2019	ITEM TIME:
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FROM:	DHS/First Impressions of Routt County
TODAY'S DATE:	March 12, 2019
AGENDA TITLE:	Consideration and approval of signature for letter of support to Senator Rankin regarding funding for Early Childhood Councils.

CHECK ONE THAT APPLIES TO YOUR ITEM:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION	

I. DESCRIBE THE REQUEST OR ISSUE:
Consideration and approval of signature for letter of support to Senator Rankin regarding funding for Early Childhood Councils.

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Recommend signature.

III. DESCRIBE FISCAL IMPACTS (VARIATION TO BUDGET):
PROPOSED REVENUE: \$3 million
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE: \$3 million
FUNDING SOURCE: State General Fund

IV. IMPACTS OF A REGIONAL NATURE OR ON OTHER JURISDICTIONS (IDENTIFY ANY COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS ITEM):

V. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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The Joint Budget Committee approved \$1 million for Early Childhood Councils for 2017-2018 SFY. The decrease in funding from the Office of Early Childhood is based on an allocation formula, which takes into account Routt County's number of high need children ages birth to eight. The factors included are low income, English Language Learners, Indian Lands, Foster Care, Early Intervention, Special Education and migrant.

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VI. LEGAL ISSUES:

N/A

VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

N/A

VIII. SUMMARY AND OTHER OPTIONS:

For First Impressions to continue its early childhood systems building work, it is in the program's best interest to receive additional funding from the Office of Early Childhood. This ask to the Joint Budget Committee would provide a stable funding stream for Councils.