



Budget Request Form FY2012

Department should complete one form for each individual request

Department: Becky Gates Children’s Center

Program, Service, or Operation Requested

Increase support for student rate for childcare tuition

SSFAB Use Only	
YES	NO

General Description:

Since FY 2007, the SSFAB has funded a reduced student rate for childcare tuition at the Becky Gates Children’s Center. The Board recognized the importance of not only helping university students locate quality childcare, but also afford it. With the support of SSFAB, the Center is able to reserve 40% of the classroom slots for student headed families and charge a reduced rate for childcare tuition for those slots. With the recent increase in classroom capacity from 152 to 162, the number reserved student slots no longer meets 40%. We are requesting \$4,800 to support 4 additional reserved classroom slots for student headed families.

Request Type: Full Increase One-Time Partial/Matching

General Questions:

How does this increase impact students, and what motivated this request (needs, strategic planning, etc.)?

The increase would directly support student headed families in need of quality childcare. The funding would support a \$100.00/month reduction in childcare tuition for 4 additional student headed families. We’ve tried to have at least 40% of our classroom openings for student headed families, and the increase in capacity warranted an increase student slots to maintain the 40%.

How do other sources of funding (fundraising, sponsorship, reserves, etc.) been considered? Please explain.

- We offer scholarships for families in extreme need. The scholarships are funded by The Office of Graduate Studies and the TEES.*
- We have a solid bond with the Aggie Moms and they have consistently donated art and teaching supplies to support the Center.*
- We also have a Foundation account for donations to support families in financial need. Donors can make contributions online.*

Generally, what assessment tools will you use to evaluate this program/service?

*We use our childcare accounting software to track the number of students who have been utilizing our Center. As student families withdraw, we seek student headed families from the waitlist to fill the student vacancy. During the summer, if student parents do not enroll in summer school, their names are added to a waitlist for the fall student slots. Thus far, we have been able to provide a reduced rate childcare slot for every student headed family enrolled. If this request was approved, we would be able to **reserve 40% of our classroom spaces for children of student headed families** as we did before we increased our Center capacity last year.*

Funding Description:

			Dollar Amount
Total Estimated Cost			\$4,800.00
<i>Less Estimated Partial/Matching Funds (if applicable)</i>			
TOTAL SSFAB INCREASE REQUEST			\$4,800.00

SSFAB Comments/Notes:

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