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## Joint Committee on Finance

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling  
Representative John Nygren

Date: August 24, 2020

Re: s. 16.515/16.505(2), Stats. Request

Attached is a copy of a request from the Department of Administration, received August 24, 2020, pursuant to s. 16.515/16.505(2), Stats., on behalf of the Department of Children and Families.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Friday, September 11, 2020**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Tony Evers, Governor  
Joel Brennan, Secretary

**Date:** August 24, 2020

**To:** The Honorable Alberta Darling, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Finance

The Honorable John Nygren, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Finance

**From:** Joel T. Brennan, Secretary *JTB*  
Department of Administration

**Subject:** s. 16.515/16.505(2) Request(s)

Enclosed are request(s) that have been approved by this department under the authority granted in s. 16.515 and s. 16.505(2). The explanation for each request is included in the attached materials. Listed below is a summary of each item:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>2019-20</u>		<u>2020-21</u>	
		<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FTE</u>
DCF 20.437(2)(i)	Gifts and grants	\$0	0.0	\$0	0.5*

\*Project position ending two years from the date of approval.

As provided in s. 16.515, the request(s) will be approved on September 15, 2020, unless we are notified prior to that time that the Joint Committee on Finance wishes to meet in formal session about any of the requests.

Please contact Kirsten Grinde at 266-1353, or the analyst who reviewed the request in the Division of Executive Budget and Finance, if you have any additional questions.

Attachments



STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Tony Evers, Governor  
Joel Brennan, Secretary  
Brian Pahnke, Administrator

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**Date:** August 17, 2020

**To:** Joel Brennan, Secretary  
Department of Administration

**From:** Olivia Rice  
Executive Policy and Budget Analyst

**Subject:** Request under s. 16.505 from the Department of Children and Families for the creation of a 0.5 FTE program and policy analyst advanced project position.

**Request:**

The Department of Children and Families requests the creation of a 0.5 FTE program and policy analyst advanced two-year project position in the department's gifts and grants appropriation under s. 20.437(2)(i).

**Revenue Source for Appropriation:**

The revenue source for the project position in the gifts and grants appropriation under s. 20.437(2)(i) is the Pritzker Children's Initiative Implementation Grant. As the appropriation is a program revenue, continuing, all moneys received appropriation, there is no accompanying request for an increase in expenditure authority.

**Background:**

In early 2019, the Wisconsin Early Childhood Association received a planning grant, which provided \$100,000 over nine months for Wisconsin to develop a comprehensive statewide plan focused on expanding state and community services for children, prenatal to three, and their families. The department and the Wisconsin Early Childhood Association participated in a Pritzker planning team to develop the comprehensive statewide vision and policy agenda to support the needs of Wisconsin's low-income infants and toddlers. The Pritzker Children's Initiative Implementation Grant is a follow-up component to the planning grant that Wisconsin Early Childhood Association received.

As the primary recipient of the implementation grant, Wisconsin Early Childhood Association received \$6,504,040 over three years and allocated \$175,000 over two years for a state position to coordinate between the department and the Pritzker implementation team. The implementation grant will provide funding so that Wisconsin can implement the policies and strategies proposed in the policy agenda.

There are three state goals that the policy agenda seeks to fulfill:

- All low-income families with young children, and others who touch the lives of infants and very young children, have equitable access to the information and supports they need to promote optimal early childhood development and well-being.
- Every low-income family with an infant and/or toddler will have access to a range of affordable, high quality, culturally and linguistically responsive child care options that meet their employment and family needs.
- The early childhood workforce will have the skills, training and support to deliver high quality care with commensurate compensation.

**Analysis:**

The requested program and policy analyst position would work in the Division of Early Care and Education and act as the primary liaison between the division and the Pritzker Grant implementation team, as well as facilitating the collaboration between the Pritzker Grant and the Preschool Development Grant to ensure full alignment with the department's and division's strategic plans related to early care and education activities.

The position would be responsible for analyzing data relative to policy questions and data-driven decision making on behalf of the department. In addition, the position would be responsible for identifying policies and procedures that support children and families by connecting them to available services that support early care and education activities, health care, economic supports, and other services. This would include the development of policy recommendations for increasing access to high quality and safe child care across the state.

The department estimates the total costs of the two-year project position to be \$101,800 including \$63,800 for salary, \$4,800 for fringe benefits and \$33,200 for supplies and services. Any unexpended grant funding would be retained by the Wisconsin Early Childhood Association and repurposed for other items allocated in its policy agenda.

As of August 7, 2020, the department's vacancy rate was 9.24 percent for permanent and project positions. There are currently no vacancies in PR-O appropriations. Further, there is currently no position authority under the s. 20.437(2)(i) appropriation.

**Recommendation:**

Approve the request.

**Date:** August 17, 2020  
**To:** Brian Pahnke  
**From:** Olivia Rice  
**Subject:** Section 16.505(2) Request(s)

Attached is a s. 16.505(2) request analysis for your approval and processing. Listed below is a summary of each item:

**DOA RECOMMENDATION:**

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<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>2019-20</u>		<u>2020-21</u>	
		<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FTE</u>
DCF 20.437(2)(i)	Gifts and Grants				0.5*

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\*Position ending two years from the date of approval.

**AGENCY REQUEST:**

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<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>2019-20</u>		<u>2020-21</u>	
		<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FTE</u>
DCF 20.437(2)(i)	Gifts and Grants				0.5*

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\*Position ending two years from the date of approval.

BP APPROVAL BP (FORWARD TO GAIL TAPPEN)



DATE: August 14th, 2020

TO: Brian Pahnke, Administrator  
Division of Executive Budget and Finance  
Department of Administration

FROM: Emilie Amundson, Secretary

SUBJECT: s. 16.505 Request – Pritzker Grant Project Position

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) requests, under s.16.505, Wis. Stats., the creation of a 0.5 PR FTE Program and Policy Analyst - Advanced (PPA-Advanced) project position under the appropriation under §20.437(2)(i), numeric 233 - Gifts and grants, to coordinate and work in support of the Pritzker Children's Initiative Implementation Grant.

### Revenue Sources

This position will be funded through the Pritzker Children's Initiative Implementation Grant in the amount of \$175,000 over 2 years. There is no matching component associated with this funding.

### Background

The Pritzker Children's Initiative Implementation Grant is a follow-up component to the Planning Grant that Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (WECA) received in early 2019. Both grants are focused on expanding state and community services for children prenatal to age three and their families. The Planning Grant provided \$100,000 over 9 months so that Wisconsin could develop a comprehensive statewide, prenatal-to-three vision and policy agenda to support the needs of Wisconsin's low-income infants and toddlers. WECA and DCF staff participated in a "Pritzker Planning Team" in order to craft the policy agenda.

The Implementation Grant will provide funding so that Wisconsin can implement the policies and strategies proposed in the policy agenda. The agenda has many components, including taskforces, research, data collection, and communication strategies. There are three state goals that the policy agenda seeks to fulfill:

1. All low-income families with young children, and others who touch the lives of infants and very young children, have equitable access to the information and supports they need to promote optimal early childhood development and well-being.
2. Every low-income family with an infant and/or toddler will have access to a range of affordable, high quality, culturally and linguistically responsive child care options that meet their employment and family needs.



- 3. The early childhood workforce will have the skills, training, and support to deliver high quality care with commensurate compensation.

WECA is the primary recipient of the Implementation Grant, with a portion of their budget allocated for the DCF position:

- WECA: \$6,504,040 over 3 years for implementation of the policy agenda via the Pritzker Grant Implementation Team; and,
- DCF: \$175,000 over 2 years for a position to coordinate between DCF and the Pritzker Implementation Team.

Analysis

This Program and Policy Analyst position will work in the Division of Early Care and Education (DECE). This position will act as primary liaison between DECE and Pritzker Grant Implementation team. This position will also facilitate the collaboration between the Pritzker Grant and the Preschool Development Grant (PDG) to ensure full alignment with the Department’s and Division’s strategic plans related to early care and education activities. This position will also be responsible for analyzing data relative to policy questions and data-driven decision making on behalf of DCF.

This Program and Policy Analyst position will also be responsible for identifying policies and procedures that support children and families by connecting them to available services that support early care and education activities, health care, economic supports, and other services. This will also include the development of policy recommendations for increasing access to high-quality and safe child care across the State.

Below is an estimated two-year cost associated with the position:

Position	Salary	Fringe Benefits	Supplies and Services	Total
PPA-Advanced	\$63,800	\$4,800	\$33,200	\$101,800

Any funding provided for the PPA position which is not used by DCF will be retained by WECA and repurposed for other items allocated in the WECA policy agenda.





**Summary**

DCF requests a 0.5 PR FTE Program and Policy Analyst - Advanced project position under the appropriation under §20.437(2)(i), numeric 233 - Gifts and grants, to coordinate and work in support of the Pritzker Children's Initiative Implementation Grant.

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