



Item Number: 3

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

DATE: April 15, 2025

TO: Mark Washington, City Manager

COMMITTEE: Fiscal Committee

LIAISON: Scott Saindon, Acting Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Shannon Harris, OCC Executive Director
Our Community's Children

SUBJECT: **Resolution accepting an \$8,000 grant and executing an agreement with the Michigan College Access Network for Summer Melt programming**

Attached is a resolution accepting an \$8,000 grant and authorizing execution of an agreement with the Michigan College Access Network. This *Summer Melt to Summer Success Program* grant will support planning, implementing, and evaluating summer melt activities, as well as participation in a statewide cohort to share resources and best practices. The grant period will be through March 17, 2026.

Summer Melt programs address challenges during the summer months that could prevent scholars from gaining access to higher education institutions and, for some, disenrolling from college. The T2C Studio will host summer events for Grand Rapids high school students, current college students, college-aged young adults, and parents to participate in post-secondary preparation activities and celebrations connecting them with community and higher-education supports to promote college access and retention. Events include a College Mixer at Main Event, College SOS at Grand Rapids Community College, and the MSU Summer Send-Off for GRPS grads starting at Michigan State University in the fall.

Our Community's Children's T2C Studio: *Grand Rapids Center for College Success* is a place-based strategy to increase the degree attainment rate among Grand Rapids Public Schools scholars, first-generation scholars, and scholars of color.

Your FISCAL COMMITTEE recommends adoption of the following resolution accepting a grant and authorizing execution of an agreement with the Michigan College Access Network for Summer Melt programming.

RESOLVED:

1. That the City Commission authorizes acceptance of a grant award from the Michigan College Access Network for summer melt programming in the amount of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000); and
2. That the agreement between the City and the Michigan College Access Network is hereby approved; and
3. That the grant period shall be from March 18, 2025, through March 17, 2026; and
4. That the Mayor is authorized to execute a contractual agreement upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

CORRECT IN FORM

DEPARTMENT OF LAW