

## Information Item

**Date:** January 16, 2024

**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

**From:** Tiffany Oliva, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs & Strategic Initiatives

**Subject:**

Information on Imprints Cares Expanded Learning Programs Funded by City ARPA-Enabled Funds

**Strategic Focus Area:** Service Excellence

**Strategic Objective:**

**Strategic Plan Action Item:**

**Key Work Item:**



On January 3, 2023, Imprints Cares was among one of the 15 selected ARPA-Enabled Transformational Grantees. The City supported Imprints Cares' Expanded Learning programs, so that the organization would be empowered to establish a new Family Resource Center for Children with Exceptional Needs. Imprints Cares received funding in the amount of \$500,000.

Families of children with special needs experienced increased isolation during COVID-19. Many children missed or received delayed services which resulted in emotional and behavioral challenges. The project requested support for their Expanded Learning Program and Family Resource Center for Students with Exceptional Needs in Winston-Salem. These programs will continue to be provided in Imprints Cares' new location.

Betty West, Director of Expanded Learning for Imprints Care will provide an update on what the award empower them to accomplish for our city's residents.