

## Panel Summary Report

**Agency:** Relief Nursery

**Date:** May 10, 2005

**Program:** Therapeutic Early Childhood Program

**Panel #:** 9

**Allocation recommendation:** \$75,000

**Previous Allocation (20003/2004):** \$54,810

**1. Was allocation recommendation: (please check one)**

X Increased?  Decreased?  Kept Level?

**2. Describe primary reasons for decision**

The Relief Nursery has a strong, evidence-based program that clearly meets the SB6 goals. The program is well known, has a Latino component and works effectively with children who are emotionally compromised. They use evidence-based curriculum and have good outcomes statistics. They receive and send referrals throughout the community and use volunteer resources effectively. The Relief Nursery staff is highly trained and provides services in all intervention methods. The program is impressive.

The panel was impressed with the agency and scope of services. We recommend funding the full amount requested.

**3. Describe specific concerns of panel relating to funding request, operation of agency or use of funds expended by agency:**

- Relief Nursery has an exceptionally well trained staff and there is a general lack of skills within other local social service non-profits. These agencies are constantly working to get their new staff trained and often are frustrated by their inability to do so effectively and in a timely manner. Could the Relief Nursery advertise training opportunities more widely to other non-profits, perhaps starting with those you routinely work with?
- Succession planning for your counselor of very young children.

**4. Describe any limitations or conditions on funds imposed by panel:**

None

**5. Panel members present at deliberation:** Sara Olson, Kelli McKnight, Jeff Petry, Jenny Obermiller, Colin McDonnell, Susan Niles, Lou Enge, United Way staff

**6. Agency representatives present at site visit:**

**Panel Chair:** Sara Olson