# **FY24-25 Education Funding Request**

## Giving All Families an Opportunity to Thrive through Play

### Request

\$500,000 annual appropriation

#### **Summary**

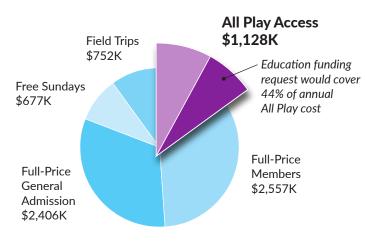
Minnesota Children's Museum seeks funding to partially cover the cost of providing free and discounted admission to income-qualified families.

#### **Impact**

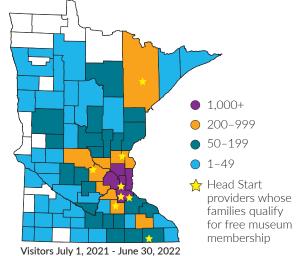
- All children, regardless of their family's income, can benefit from the unique playful learning experiences the museum provides
- The museum's open-ended, child-directed play experiences cultivate critical thinking, creativity, confidence and other skills children need to thrive

Program	Detail	Reach
All Play Access	Steeply discounted tickets and annual memberships for income-qualified families (EBT, WIC, free/ reduced school lunch) Free membership for families enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start	2,000+ All Play member families 40,000+ member and general admission visits per year 15% of museum visitors enter via the All Play access program

#### **Annual Museum Expenses by Type of Visitor**



## **All Play Attendance and Partner Organizations**

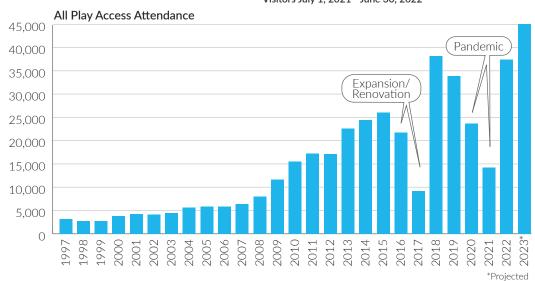


#### Since 1997...

 Visitors served each year through All Play access programs has

# grown more than 1,000%

 Education funding has remained essentially flat at \$269,000 per year



#### **Contact Information**