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Naples childcare center to use charitable impact fee deferral program

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A Naples childcare facility will be taking advantage of Collier County's charitable organization impact fee deferral program.

Collier County commissioners Tuesday approved Fun Time Early Childhood Academy, Inc.'s request to be part of the deferral program. Commissioners voted 4-0 in favor of the more than \$79,000 request.

The impact fee deferral program was established in 2001. The program authorizes waivers to tax-exempt, not-for-profit, charitable entities that provide services to low income residents in Collier County.

Fun Time submitted its request for fee deferral in March 2006. The request came several months after the daycare sustained significant damage from Hurricane Wilma. The building was considered a total loss, and Fun Time officials began working toward building a new facility just blocks away from its current location.

The daycare, which is located in the city of Naples, has been serving low-income families for 45 years. In July, the city's Design Review Board approved plans for a new 8,064-square-foot building located at 102 12th Avenue North. The daycare currently serves about 50 low-income children with working parents. The daycare is hoping the expansion will allow the it to grow to about 75 children.

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