CITY OF BLAIR

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 24, 2026, 7:00PM

MEMO TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: David Scott, Deputy City Administrator of Operations

RE: Rain or Shine Play Space LLC

SUMMARY: Rain or Shine Play Space LLC has completed an application for LB840 funds to create an accessible year-round space for youth and family activities. They plan to do this by expanding the existing facility to accommodate additional activities such as

PREVIOUS ACTION: The Mayor and City Council have contracted with Gateway Development to facilitate its voter approved LB840 program. That agreement was most recently updated in September 2026. As such, Gateway Development staff receive and evaluate LB840 applications and present them to the Economic Development Committee and City Council.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: The Rain or Shine Play Space LLC facility expansion project will include renovations to the existing facility located at 221 Deerfield Boulevard to include additional youth and family activities such as air hockey, skee-ball, and a golf simulator and an outside area with a play structure and a small sand volleyball court. The expansion will create an inclusive, all-weather destination that supports child development, strengthens family connections, and enhances quality of life for Blair residents.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Rain or Shine Play Space LLC asked for $56,500 in LB840 for costs related to the expansion of the facility and hiring of 2 new full-time employees. The Economic Development LB840 Committee recommends the Mayor and City Council to approve $29,000 to Rain or Shine Play Space.

Current Economic Development LB840 fund available balance:

LB840 Account Balance, October 2026	**1,578,782.25**
Committed funds	
Metonic (Blair Crossing)	(300,000.00)
Social House (Event gathering space)	(120,000.00)
Rizer (Apartment complex project)	(300,000.00)
VSE LLC (Manufacturing Company)	(200,000.00)
Remaining LFS Dana Campus grant funds	(344,687.60)
Current remaining available balance, October 2026	**314,094.65**

RECOMMENDATION: The Mayor and City Council can approve the Economic Development Committee's recommendation or choose to wait and pursue other Economic Development LB840 applications and committee recommendations.