During weekly review meetings, CSAB members will use the following decision guide as a starting point for discussion of programs requesting investment increases. The discussion and consensus for yes/no/maybe groupings will guide considerations made at the final investment decision meeting(s) and will begin the establishment of a funding/no funding rationale.

Increase to be used to improve the quality of the program to achieve at least one of the following:
1. Serve more children to increase the number of participants achieving a Result,
2. Hire, train, retain key staff to increase the number achieving the Result,
3. Increase the level of gain of a Result, or
4. Improve curriculum or approach.

Is the increased result clear and verifiable? Is it easy to discern how the increase in funding will positively impact the quality of the program? *Consider strength of result statement, milestones, and verification tools. How does increasing investment directly relate to the improved quality?

Is the increase in quality of program likely to be achieved? Are the results likely to be achieved? *Consider past success, past success, program capacity, key program elements, staff training, staff retention, curriculum, and demand for the program (i.e., wait list).

Is the increase in dollar amount appropriate and substantiated? *Consider cost per new result, budget, other income sources (not 100% increase only by MCG), etc.

Is this a good use of CSAB funds? *Consider if the program is a priority area, fills a gap, if the increased number achieving the result is significant, reduces the wait list, leverage other resources for the program, etc.

If increase consideration gets through the path with YES or MAYBE, the increase will be considered for increase during the recommendation meeting. This does NOT mean a recommendation will be made.