



Committee of the Whole

Cynthia Foley

Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

ECAF: 2026-1792

Motion: 26-291

Type:

- ☒ Contract
☐ Board Appt.
☐ Code Amendment
☐ Budget Action
☐ Other

Requested Handling:

- ☐ Normal
☒ Expedite
☐ Urgent

Fund Source:

- ☐ General Fund
☒ Other
☐ N/A

Executive Rec:

- ☒ Approve
☐ Do Not Approve
☐ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☒ N/A

Subject: DCYF Contract for Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program Services

Scope: Snohomish County, through the Human Services Department, is seeking to renew its contract with the Washington State Department of Children Youth and Families for the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP). ECEAP provides preschool education and services for children with complex needs such as developmental delays, disabilities, behavioral needs, or other unique needs due to complex trauma.

The program budget includes \$19,184,473 for student program slots and \$456,286 for services for students with complex needs.

Pursuant to SCC 4.26.025, Council approval is needed because the grant total exceeds the amount in the grant work plan by more than \$100,000.

Duration: July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027

Fiscal Impact: ☐ Current Year ☒ Multi-Year ☐ N/A

Expenditures	Current Year	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Fund 124 - Various	\$398,282.50	\$398,282.50				\$796,656
Fund 124 - Various	\$1,187,867.50	\$1,187,867.50				\$2,375,735
Fund 124 - Pass Through	\$8,579,229.50	\$8,579,229.50				\$17,158,459
Totals	\$10,165,379.50	\$10,165,379.50	0	0	0	\$20,330,759

Revenue	Current Year	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Fund 124 - Admin	\$398,282.50	\$398,282.50				\$796,656
Fund 124 - Operations	\$1,187,867.50	\$1,187,867.50				\$2,375,735
Fund 124 - Pass Through	\$8,579,229.50	\$8,579,229.50				\$17,158,459
Totals	\$10,165,379.50	\$10,165,379.50	0	0	0	\$20,330,759

Authority Granted: Motion 26-291 approves the DCYF Contract for ECEAP services, in the amount of \$20,330,759, for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and authorizes the County Executive to execute the Contract and any Contract amendments thereto.

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Background: Established by the Legislature in 1985, ECEAP is a comprehensive school-readiness program serving low-income and at-risk 3- and 4-year-old children and their families in Washington state. Because many factors affect a child's development and learning ability, ECEAP provides preschool education, health services coordination, nutrition, family support and parent engagement.

This Program will provide services to 1,598 children in Snohomish County (1,060 Part-Day slots and 538 School-Day slots), including funds for specialized services for children with complex needs.

Requested Action: Consider taking Action.