



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
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**INTERLOCAL (ILA) AMENDMENT**

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| 1. ILA Number:<br><br><b>EL-21-80-08-390</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2. Amendment Number:<br><br><b>9</b> | 3. This Amendment herein-<br>after identified as:<br><br><b>EL-21-80-08-390(9)</b> | 4. Amount of ILA Award<br>as Amended:<br><br><b>\$292,429.57</b> |
| 5. Name and Address of Contracting Organization:<br>Washington State University - Everett<br>915 N Broadway<br>Everett, Washington, 98201<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subrecipient <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      | 6. Title of Project / Service:<br><br>Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account  |                                                                  |
| 7. <u>THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO BILATERAL AMENDMENTS.</u><br>The ILA identified herein, including any previous amendments thereto, is hereby amended as set forth in Item 8 below by mutual consent of all parties hereto.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                      |                                                                                    |                                                                  |
| 8. <u>TERMS OF AMENDMENT.</u> (Indicate the amount of an increase/decrease in contract and new beginning and ending dates, if applicable). The ILA referred to in Item 1 above is revised as follows:<br><br>A. The approved ILA Budget, Exhibit C-8, has been amended to reflect the PSTAA allocation for 2025-2026 in the amount of \$292,429.57.<br><br>B. Approved ILA Budget, Exhibit C-8, is superseded with Exhibit C-9, as attached.<br><br>C. Approved ILA Service Expenditure Plan, Exhibit D-8, has been amended to reflect the activities for 2025-2026.<br><br>D. Approved ILA Service Plan, Exhibit D-8, is superseded with Exhibit D-9, as attached. |                                      |                                                                                    |                                                                  |
| 9. ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ORIGINAL ILA AND ANY PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS THERETO REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                      |                                                                                    |                                                                  |

**FOR THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) (Date)  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

**FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY:**

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Dave Somers, Executive (Date)  
Snohomish County

## **EXHIBIT A-2**

### **SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **PUGET SOUND TAXPAYER ACCOUNTABILITY ACCOUNT FUNDS**

This INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (the “ILA”) is entered into pursuant to the provisions of RCW Chapter 39.34 by and between SNOHOMISH COUNTY, hereinafter the “County” and the Institution of Higher Education identified on the Face Page of this ILA, (hereinafter the “IHE”), a public agency. The County and the IHE (collectively, the “Parties”) hereby agree as follows:

#### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this ILA is to set forth the duties between the County and the IHE regarding the distribution of Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account (PSTAA) funds. The PSTAA was created as an amendment to the 2015 State Transportation Revenue Package by the Washington State Legislature and is funded by a percentage of sales and use taxes collected from Sound Transit construction projects. PSTAA funds are to be distributed to King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties proportionally based on the population of each county that lives within Sound Transit’s jurisdictional boundaries.

Pursuant to RCW 43.79.520, counties may use distributions from the PSTAA account only to improve educational outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education including, but not limited to, for facilities and programs for children and youth that are low-income, homeless, or in foster care, or other vulnerable populations; and to start endowments to provide support for improving educational outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education. Snohomish County Council outlined additional guidance for use of PSTAA funds collected in the Snohomish County subarea in its Motion 20-553, and updated guidance in its Amended Motion 21-089 and Amended Motion 22-282.

#### **II. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

As provided by RCW 39.34.040, this ILA shall not take effect unless and until it has (i) been duly executed by both parties, and (ii) either filed with the County Auditor or posted on the County or IHE’s Interlocal Agreements website (“Effective Date”). The ILA shall continue in effect until terminated by either party according to the termination provisions of the Basic Terms and Conditions. Notwithstanding the Effective Date of this ILA, all activities described in the ILA that are performed on or after the start date on the Face Page of the ILA shall be governed by the terms of this Agreement.

A. Compliance with Specific Laws, Regulations, and Agreements

1. Contingent upon allocation of PSTAA funds by the State, the IHE expressly agrees to undertake projects and programs consistent with Puget Sound Taxpayers Accountability Account Act RCW 43.79.520, Snohomish County Council Amended Motion 21-089 and Amended Motion 22-282, and any additional requirements that may be imposed by the Washington State Legislature or the County Council provided such additional requirements by the County Council are not inconsistent with the IHE's duties and responsibilities under existing law.
2. Administrative expenses paid with PSTAA funds under this ILA may not exceed more than 10% of the total annual PSTAA allocation.
3. The IHE shall ensure compliance with all applicable sections of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) and any RCW and WAC requirements as amended.
4. The IHE also agrees to comply with all other applicable federal and state statutes, regulations, and executive orders.

B. Appropriation of Funds

All funds shall be available only in strict accordance with the provisions of this ILA, the Basic Terms and Conditions referenced on the ILA Face Page, and the following:

1. RCW 43.79.520, entitled Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account;
2. Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority – Schedule of Sources and Uses of Funds by Subarea year ending December 31, 2019;
3. Other applicable federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and policies governing the funds provided in this ILA.

PSTAA funds will be allocated on an annual basis, at the direction of Snohomish County Council, from 2021 through 2036 or until PSTAA funds have been entirely allocated per RCW 81.112.360; or until either party terminates this ILA, whichever is earlier. It is expressly agreed and understood that the total amount to be paid by the County under this ILA shall not exceed the total funds appropriated to the IHE each year and included in an amendment signed by Parties. Annually by May 31, the parties will submit an agreed-upon Services and Expenditure Plan for the upcoming year, for approval by motion by County Council. Upon approval by motion, the Services and Expenditure plan becomes an enforceable part of this ILA.

- C. The Puget Sound Taxpayers Accountability Account Act is created in the state treasury. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.
1. IHEs shall expend funds in compliance with the Puget Sound Taxpayers Accountability Account Act and any additional requirements that may be imposed by the County Council or the State Legislature, provided such additional requirements by the County Council are not inconsistent with the IHE's duties and responsibilities under existing law.
  2. Funding under this ILA is subject to appropriation by both the State Legislature and the County Council.
  3. The County will not provide funding to continue programs or projects when appropriations from the State Legislature are not made, including when funding ends.
  4. Appropriation percentages, which are based on population, may be revised by the County following the 2020 and 2030 censuses.
  5. In order to allocate PSTAA funds to efforts, programs and/or projects demonstrating the highest level of success in improving educational outcomes, the Snohomish County Council may choose to adjust, on an annual basis, the allocation percentages for distribution based on the fund recipients' performance. The County Council shall provide the IHE advance notice of any planned adjustments affecting the IHE's allocation percentages by no later than May 1 of each year or thirty days before the IHE's annual PSTAA Services and Expenditure Plan (Exhibit D) is due to the County, whichever is earlier.
  6. Appropriated funds unused by the IHE (IHE did not submit reimbursement for the totality of appropriated funds) will remain in the PSTAA account and be included in the available balance to be appropriated in a future program year.
  7. PSTAA funds are intended to benefit residents of the RTA and shall be used accordingly as outlined in Exhibit B – Statement of Work.
  8. PSTAA funds shall be used in accordance with RCW 43.79.520 and any future additional direction of the County Council and the State Legislature, as outlined in the Statement of Work (Exhibit B).
  9. The IHE will submit annually to the County a plan for the upcoming year's expenditures, as outlined in the Statement of Work (Exhibit B).
  10. The IHE will submit annually to the County a report of the prior year's outcomes and overall program outcomes, as outlined in the Statement of

Work (Exhibit B).

#### D. Definitions

For purposes of this ILA, the following terms shall have the following meanings in addition to definitions incorporated by reference:

1. Early learning programs: Those programs serving children from birth through the third grade.
2. Regional Transit Authority (RTA): Also known as the Sound Transit District, is the area where RTA taxes are collected and used for to provide Sound Transit services. The RTA includes the urban areas of Snohomish, King and Pierce Counties.
3. Participant: An individual or family who is assisted with PSTAA funds.

### III. FISCAL MANAGEMENT

The IHE shall not use funds available under this ILA to supplant funds otherwise available.

#### A. Accounting for Funds

In order to ensure and to provide documentation that the funds are used only as provided in this ILA, the IHE shall account for all funds under this ILA in a separate account or fund.

#### B. Repayment of Funds to County

The IHE is solely responsible for seeking repayment from any subcontractor in conformance with its debt collection policy.

#### C. State Prevailing Wage Requirements

Use of funds to reimburse costs associated with labor performed for any type of maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, construction, etc. may trigger Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (DBRA) wage requirements and/or State Prevailing Wage requirements per RCW Chapter 39.12. Projects that include construction costs will require performance and payment bonds from the prime contractor.

#### D. Cost Reimbursement

Reimbursement for services delivered under this ILA shall be on a cost-reimbursement basis. Reimbursement shall be provided for services provided pursuant to the Statement of Work (Exhibit B). The IHE shall submit, in a format

prescribed by the County, an invoice detailing, on a monthly basis, all costs associated with the program based on the Approved ILA Budget (Exhibit C). Use of funds available under this ILA will be reviewed monthly.

#### **IV. SUBCONTRACTING**

The Subcontract provisions contained in Section IV of the Basic Terms and Conditions must be incorporated into every subcontract entered into by the IHE under this ILA. Subcontracts shall be in writing, with word changes where appropriate to properly identify the parties to the subcontract.

#### **V. PARTICIPANT INFORMATION AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

- A. The IHE understands that Participant information collected under programs and projects funded by this ILA is private and the use or disclosure of such information, when not directly connected with the administration of the County's or IHE's responsibilities with respect to services provided under this ILA, may be prohibited by federal, State, and local laws regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality, unless written consent is obtained from such person receiving service and, in the case of a minor, that of a responsible parent or guardian.
- B. In compliance with state law and FERPA, the County, its employees, and agents will comply with the provisions of state law and FERPA. Nothing in this ILA may be construed to allow the County to maintain, use, disclose, or share student data in a manner not allowed under federal or state law or regulation or this ILA.

#### **VI. CAPTIONS**

The section headings and subheadings contained in this ILA are included for convenience of reference only and shall in no way define, limit, or otherwise affect the terms, scope, or intent of this ILA.

#### **VII. ENTIRE ILA**

This ILA constitutes the entire agreement between the parties as to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior discussions and understandings between them.

#### **VIII. TIME OF THE ESSENCE**

Time is of the essence in the performance of each party's obligations under this ILA. Each party will carry out its obligations under this ILA diligently and in good faith.

## **IX. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. No Separate Entity Necessary/Created. The parties agree that no separate legal or administrative entities are necessary to carry out this ILA.
- B. Administrators. Each party to this Agreement shall designate an individual (an "Administrator"), which may be designated by title or position, to oversee and administer such party's participation in this ILA. The parties' initial Administrators are identified on the Face Page of this ILA.

Either party may change its Administrator at any time by delivering written notice of such party's new Administrator to the other party.

- C. Interpretation. This ILA shall be governed by and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. This ILA and each of the terms and provisions of it are deemed to have been explicitly negotiated by the parties, and the language in all parts of this ILA shall, in all cases, be construed according to its fair meaning and not strictly for or against either of the parties hereto. This ILA shall be construed so that wherever applicable the use of the singular number shall include the plural number, and vice versa, and the use of any gender shall be applicable to all genders.
- D. Severability. If any provision of this ILA or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, for any reason and to any extent, be found invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this ILA and the application of that provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby, but shall instead continue in full force and effect, to the extent permitted by law.
- E. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This ILA is made and entered into for the sole benefit of the IHE and the County. No third party shall be deemed to have any rights under this ILA; there are no third-party beneficiaries to this ILA.

## **EXHIBIT B-2**

### **STATEMENT OF WORK**

#### **PUGET SOUND TAXPAYER ACCOUNTABILITY ACCOUNT**

##### **I. DESCRIPTION**

Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account (PSTAA) funding is being allocated to the Institution of Higher Education (IHE) for development of educational programs and projects pursuant to RCW 43.79.520 and the terms and conditions herein.

##### **II. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

A. Expenditure of PSTAA funds are intended to benefit residents of the RTA.

1. Expenditure of these funds must prioritize services to individuals residing within the RTA to the greatest extent practicable.
2. Funds expended for the direct benefit of individuals must be awarded to only those Participants who reside within the boundaries of the RTA at the time of fund expenditure.

B. The IHE shall verify and maintain records regarding Participants' residency requirements.

##### **III. FUNDING**

A. Funds shall be used in accordance with RCW 43.79.520 and the terms and conditions herein.

1. One hundred percent (100%) of PSTAA funds allocated to the IHE must be solely expended on improving educational outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education.
2. At least ten percent (10%) of PSTAA funds allocated to IHE shall be designated for use by community-based early learning providers.
3. A allocation by percentage or dollar amount of PSTAA funds allocated to the IHE shall be used for new and/or innovative early learning programs.
4. No more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the annual allocation may be used to establish and contribute to an Endowment established for future expenditures consistent with this ILA.



#### **IV. REPORTS**

- A. The IHE shall submit to the County an annual PSTAA Services and Expenditure Plan (Exhibit D) by May 31 for the upcoming program year's expenditures. For the purposes of this Agreement, a program year is deemed to begin on September 1 and conclude on August 31 of the following calendar year. This plan must include:
1. A description of the proposed use of funds.
  2. A description of the target population: low-income, homeless, in foster care, or other vulnerable population(s).
  3. Identification of one or more community-based early learning program subcontractor(s).
  4. The percentage or amount of allocated funds designated for new and/or innovative early learning programs.
  5. Proposed metrics to measure impact on educational outcomes.
  6. An annual budget detailing IHE expenditures of allocated PSTAA funding.
- B. The IHE shall submit to the County an annual report detailing the use and effectiveness of PSTAA funds based on metrics identified in the Services and Expenditure Plan (Exhibit D).

The IHE shall submit the annual report by October 30 following the program year in which the funds were expended.

#### **V. FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

- A. The IHE shall seek reimbursement for approved expenditures, including subcontracts, included in the Approved ILA Budget (Exhibit C).
- B. The IHE shall assure that accurate and appropriate documentation is maintained to support the provision of each incurred expense.
- C. The IHE shall submit an approved invoice by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month following the month services were provided.

**EXHIBIT C-9**  
**CONTRACT BUDGET - COST REIMBURSEMENT**  
**PUGET SOUND TAXPAYERS ACCOUNTABILITY ACCOUNT**

**AGENCY NAME:** Washington State University - Everett  
**CONTRACT PERIOD:** 9/1/2025 to 8/31/2026

**FUNDS AWARDED UNDER CONTRACT:**

| REVENUE SOURCE                                  | FUNDING PERIOD     | AMOUNT        | AMENDMENT | TOTAL AMOUNT  |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| Puget Sound Taxpayers<br>Accountability Account | 9/1/2025-8/31/2026 | \$292,429.57  |           | \$ 292,429.57 |
|                                                 |                    |               |           | -             |
|                                                 |                    |               |           | -             |
|                                                 |                    |               |           | -             |
|                                                 |                    |               |           | -             |
|                                                 |                    |               |           | -             |
| TOTAL FUNDS AWARDED:                            |                    | \$ 292,429.57 | \$ -      | \$ 292,429.57 |

**MATCHING RESOURCES:**

N/A

TOTAL MATCHING RESOURCES: \$ -

**MATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACT:**      %                           AMOUNT:                     

**OTHER PROGRAM RESOURCES (Identify):**

| SOURCE                 | FUNDING PERIOD | AMOUNT |
|------------------------|----------------|--------|
|                        |                |        |
|                        |                |        |
|                        |                |        |
|                        |                |        |
|                        |                |        |
|                        |                |        |
|                        |                |        |
| TOTAL OTHER RESOURCES: |                | \$ -   |

**EXPENDITURES**

| <b>CATEGORY</b>       | <b>PSTAA</b>         | <b>TOTAL</b>         |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Salaries/Wages        | \$ 33,600.00         | \$ 33,600.00         |
| Benefits              | 5,684.00             | 5,684.00             |
| Supplies/Minor Equip. | 5,000.00             | 5,000.00             |
| Prof. Services        | 26,585.00            | 26,585.00            |
| Postage               |                      | -                    |
| Telephone             |                      | -                    |
| Mileage/Fares         |                      | -                    |
| Meals                 | 5,000.00             | 5,000.00             |
| Lodging               |                      | -                    |
| Advertising           |                      | -                    |
| Leases/Rentals        |                      | -                    |
| Insurance             |                      | -                    |
| Utilities             |                      | -                    |
| Repairs/Maint.        |                      | -                    |
| Client Flex Funds     | 35,976.57            | 35,976.57            |
| Client Rent           |                      | -                    |
| Printing              | 4,000.00             | 4,000.00             |
| Dues/Subscrip.        |                      | -                    |
| Regis./Tuition        | 150,000.00           | 150,000.00           |
| Machinery/Equip.      |                      | -                    |
| Administration        | 26,584.00            | 26,584.00            |
| Indirect              |                      | -                    |
| Occupancy             |                      | -                    |
| Miscellaneous         |                      | -                    |
| Misc. Construction    |                      | -                    |
| Acquisition           |                      | -                    |
| Relocation            |                      | -                    |
|                       |                      | -                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>\$ 292,429.57</b> | <b>\$ 292,429.57</b> |

**EXPENDITURE NARRATIVE**

| <b>AMOUNT</b> | <b>CATEGORY</b>       | <b>NARRATIVE</b> (provide justification describing each category supported with funds awarded under this contract) |
|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| \$ 33,600.00  | Salaries/Wages        | Salary for .2 FTE Admissions & Transition specialist and for 2 part-time Student Ambassadors.                      |
| 5,684.00      | Benefits              | Benefits for Admissions & Transition Specialist at 42.2% and for Student Influencers calculated at 2.9%.           |
| 5,000.00      | Supplies/ Minor Equip | Supplies for Cougar Closet and emergency fund program.                                                             |
| 26,585.00     | Prof. Services        | Subcontract with ChildStrive co-operative childcare program.                                                       |
| -             | Postage               |                                                                                                                    |
| -             | Telephone             |                                                                                                                    |
| -             | Mileage               |                                                                                                                    |
| 5,000.00      | Meals                 | Funds for Cougar Pantry and other emergency food servces.                                                          |
| -             | Lodging               |                                                                                                                    |
| -             | Advertising           |                                                                                                                    |
| -             | Leases/Rentals        |                                                                                                                    |
| -             | Insurance             |                                                                                                                    |
| -             | Utilities             |                                                                                                                    |
| -             | Repairs/ Maint        |                                                                                                                    |
| 35,976.57     | Client Flex Funds     | Child care reimbursement fund; funding for housing related expenses for students.                                  |
| -             | Client Rent           |                                                                                                                    |
| 4,000.00      | Printing              | Expenses related to printing of flyers, brochures, labels, and other related materials.                            |
| -             | Dues/ Subscript       |                                                                                                                    |
| 150,000.00    | Registration/ Tuition | Student scholarships.                                                                                              |
| -             | Machinery/ Equip.     |                                                                                                                    |
| 26,584.00     | Administration        | Staff supporting PSTAA expenditures and management.                                                                |
| -             | Indirect              |                                                                                                                    |
| -             | Occupancy             |                                                                                                                    |
| -             | Misc. Construction    |                                                                                                                    |
| -             | Acquistion            |                                                                                                                    |
| -             | Relocation            |                                                                                                                    |
| \$ 292,429.57 | TOTAL                 |                                                                                                                    |

# **DETAIL SALARIES / WAGES**

| POSITION                         | FUND SOURCE | % OF TIME<br>TO FUND<br>SOURCE | TOTAL MONTHLY | MONTHLY<br>CHARGE TO<br>FUND SOURCE | # OF<br>MONTHS | TOTAL CHARGE<br>TO FUND<br>SOURCE |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Student Influencer               | PSTAA       | 100%                           | 1,080.00      | 1,080.00                            | 10.00          | \$ 10,800.00                      |
| Student Influencer               | PSTAA       | 100%                           | 1,080.00      | 1,080.00                            | 10.00          | 10,800.00                         |
| Admissions &<br>Transition Spec. | PSTAA       | 20%                            | 5,000.00      | 1,000.00                            | 12.00          | 12,000.00                         |
|                                  |             |                                |               |                                     | TOTAL:         | \$ 33,600.00                      |

NOTE: Above figures may reflect rounding

## Exhibit D-9

### PSTAA SERVICES AND EXPENDITURE PLAN

#### 2025 - 2026 INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) awarded may use distributions from PSTAA funds only to improve educational outcomes in early learning, Kindergarten through twelfth grade (K-12), and higher education, including, but not limited to, for facilities and programs for children and youth that are low-income, homeless, or in foster care, or other vulnerable populations and/or to start endowments to provide support for improving educational outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education. At least ten percent of funds shall be designated for use by community-based early learning programs defined as those programs serving children from birth through the third grade. PSTAA fund recipients shall expend a portion of their PSTAA funds on new and/or innovative programs.

| Institute of Higher Education                                                               | Washington State University - Everett |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Allocation 2025-2026                                                                        | \$292,429.57                          |
| Admin Designation <i>(maximum 10%)</i>                                                      | 26,584.00                             |
| Direct Service Designation <i>(maximum 90% after admin)</i>                                 | 239,260.57                            |
| Early Learning Designation <i>(minimum 10% after admin)</i>                                 | 26,585.00                             |
| List Early Learning Project/Community Partner(s)<br><i>Ex. 1. Imagine Children's Museum</i> | <i>Ex. \$12,000.00</i>                |
| <i>1. ChildStrive</i>                                                                       | 26,585.00                             |
| Total 2025-2026 Budget                                                                      | \$292,429.57                          |

#### FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Target educational outcome(s):</b><br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completion                                                                                          |
| <b>Target population(s):</b><br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low-income <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeless <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In foster-care <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other vulnerable population(s)                         |
| <b>Please list:</b><br>Running Start/College in the High School participants: community college transfer students; K-12 students highlighted by high school counselors as needing/deserving of this opportunity; First generation college students; Adult learners; Veterans. |

**Description of proposed use of funds:****Barrier-free access to higher education**

Research shows that waiving college application and confirmation fees increases college matriculation (particularly for students at under-resourced high schools and community colleges receiving college counseling) and induces high-achieving students from low-income backgrounds to apply and be admitted to more selective institutions. College application fees can even be obstacles for students from higher-income backgrounds. Washington State University - Everett will eliminate these barriers for local students through a series of new scholarships for new and enrolled students residing within the RTA. Additionally, with tuition projected to increase for public colleges around the nation, Washington State University Everett aims to not only award fees offsetting the costs of applying and confirming, but also offering financial ability to reduce some of the stress increased tuition will bring. This includes developing an award tier system that grants eligible students enhanced awards to go towards significant portions of their tuition.

Enrollment fee scholarship (\$150 per confirmed student) + application reimbursement (\$75 per applicant)

Currently, WSU - Everett is on pace to exceed over 275 college applications for the first time since 2018, marking a rebound from the Covid-19 enrollment era. The barrier-free application program will save these applicants over **\$60,000** as our enrollment grows, eliminating a major barrier and providing a platform from which to launch their futures in Snohomish County.

Another component to barrier-free access to education is housing. WSU - Everett also aims to serve students facing food insecurities, housing insecurity and/or unhoused. Funds will be used to rent out space either at Everett Community College, Edmonds Community College, or local dwellings to provide a transitional opportunity for unhoused or housing insecure students until more stable housing can be secured. Providing these new housing services will significantly improve student retention for students facing housing challenges so that they can focus on their classes and studies.

**Scholarships**

College is expensive. According to CollegeBoard, in the past decade (2007-2017), tuition rates rose 37% at public four-year colleges. That rate jumps to 213% when comparing current tuition with that of just 30 years ago, accounting for inflation. With no end in sight to the continual increase in the cost of an education, low- and middle-income students are facing more difficult choices than ever.

We have a unique opportunity to support Snohomish County students within the Sound Transit Regional Taxing Authority, particularly for families with young children.

Based on financial need and/or academic achievement, WSU - Everett will offer current-use scholarships during the 2025-26 academic year. Utilizing a need-based assessment system and information from the FAFSA/WAFSA, WSU - Everett plans to award new students up to \$4,000 and currently enrolled

students up to \$3,500. Students experiencing critical financial need will have opportunities to receive more aid as needed.

WSU - Everett has also experienced an increase in part-time student enrollment and plans to award aid to students who are balancing work, schooling, and life needs. This involves a partnership with Everett Community College called the Degree Pathways Program, where place bound students local to Snohomish County can co-enroll between the two institutions and receive PSTAA aid for their commitment to their educational journey.

A total of over **\$150,000** will be disbursed as scholarships for students in financial need, those who have demonstrated academic achievement at their community college and shown community involvement through work and volunteerism.

### **Focus: Retention, Success, and Completion**

Proactive advising leads to gains in retention and completion, according to studies. But a report from the Center for Community College Student Engagement shows that effective advising may have a larger impact on returning students and thus colleges' persistence and graduation rates.

The report highlights that 78% of returning students reported meeting with an adviser, compared to 62% of entering students. According to CCCSE, that detail is significant. Because less than 50% of first-time-in-college students return to the same institution the following fall, indicating that early advising leads to increases in retention.

These funds allow WSU - Everett to organize professional seminars, college success workshops, and financial literacy sessions to help students retain and complete their degrees. Overall, this will contribute to the workforce readiness the county and WSU - Everett strive to uphold through ventures like this fund.

Internally at WSU - Everett, we are experiencing more engagement for retention and completion through student-on-student interactions. WSU - Everett proposes to utilize allocations from the Funds for Service in direct support of campus initiatives such as Student Influencers, the Cougar Food Pantry, the Cougar Closet, co-institutional partnership with Everett Community College, and Childcare Services to enhance campus culture focused on student success, retention, equity, and inclusion.

### **Proposed performance indicators/metrics for measuring educational outcome(s):**

- **Access:** Number of students able to access a college education as a result of financial support from the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account.
- **Retention:** Number of students who can afford to continue their studies thanks to the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account.



- **Completion:** Number of students benefiting from the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account who become graduates of Washington State University Everett.

## FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR EARLY LEARNING PROVIDERS

**Early Learning Provider:** ChildStrive

**Target educational outcome(s):**

- ☒ Social-emotional   ☒ Physical   ☒ Cognitive   ☒ Language  
☒ Literacy   ☒ Math   ☒ Family Engagement   ☒ Racial Equity

**Target population(s):**

- ☒ Low-income   ☒ Homeless   ☒ In foster-care   ☒ Other vulnerable population(s)

Please list:

**Description of proposed use of funds** (list all services):

Utilizing funds to support ChildStrive's Parents as Teachers program:

Parents as Teachers is an evidence-based parent education and family engagement model serving families throughout pregnancy until their child enters kindergarten and supports the whole family in attaining their families' goals. This program has proven outcomes in multiple areas including improved early detection developmental delays and health concerns, improved adaptive behavior and mental health in children, prevention of child abuse and neglect, kindergarten readiness, improved parent health behaviors, and improved positive economic impact for families.

**Proposed performance indicators/metrics for measuring educational outcome(s):**

- Qualitative reports on how the program is impacting student development and parent involvement
- Quantitative report on number of families and number of children served within Snohomish County.