



## Snohomish County Council

**Committee:** LJHS  
**ECAF:** 21-0545  
**Proposal:** Mot. 21-258

**Analyst:** Heidi Beazizo  
**Date:** July 22, 2021

### **Consideration**

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 21-258 which would approve and authorize a contact with the Department of Children, Youth and Families for Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program<sup>1</sup> Services.

### **Background**

The Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a state funded, free preschool program for low income families. ECAP was created by the legislature in 1985. During the 2019 legislative session, the legislature determined that requiring families be at one hundred and ten percent of the federal poverty level in order to be eligible for the program was too restrictive. Because of this, the legislature expanded eligibility through Senate Bill 5437<sup>2</sup>

The contract was included in the 2021 Human Services Grant Work Plan<sup>3</sup> approved by Council with an anticipated contract amount of \$13,981,323. The amount included in the proposed agreement is \$15,507,714.66. Because the grant exceeds the amount included in the Grant Work Plan by more than \$50,000, Council's approval is required for the Executive to sign the grant agreement and any subsequent contacts using the grant funds.<sup>4</sup>

### **Current Proposal**

*Scope:* Motion 21-258 requests council authorize the executive to execute contract 22-1095 with the State Department of Children, Youth and Families; the motion also requests authority for the executive to sign any contract amendments. As a result of this agreement, the program will provide services to 1,571 children in Snohomish County.

*Duration:* July 2021-June 2022

*Fiscal Implications:* \$15,507,714.66 (\$7,753,857.30 per calendar year)

**2021 Budget:** YES

**Future Budget Impacts:** YES. Operates on the federal fiscal year and will roll into 2022.

**Handling:** EXPEDITE.

**Approved-as-to-form:** N/A (standard state agreement)

**Risk Management:** APPROVE.

**Executive Recommendation:** APPROVE.

**Analysis:** Council consideration is required given the amount over the 2021 GWP.

**Attachments:** NONE

**Amendments:** NONE

**Request:** Move to GLS on July 28, 2021 for Council to consider taking action.

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<sup>1</sup> [Snohomish ECEAP](#)

<sup>2</sup> [SB 5437 - Expanding eligibility to the early childhood education and assistance program](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Public Hearing - 2021 Budget Hearing - SPECIAL MEETING \(granicus.com\)](#)

<sup>4</sup> [SCC 4.26.025](#)