



# Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

**ECAF:** 2025-2893

**Motion:** 25-407

**Type:**

☐ Contract

☐ Board Appt.

☐ Code Amendment

☐ Budget Action

☒ Other

**Requested Handling:**

☐ Normal

☒ Expedite – 9/9

☐ 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:** Snohomish County Early Head Start Application for FY 2026

**Scope:** The Human Services Department is seeking Council approval for the Early Head Start grant application. Fiscal Year 2026 is considered the second year of five-year award period. Council approval of the application is required pursuant to Head Start Act 642(c)(1)<sup>1</sup>.

Match is largely provided through in-kind contributions from the use of facilities and volunteer time spent on the advisory bodies that inform the program. Additionally, one IT Specialist paid with County Sales Tax Funds; \$95,331 salary and \$34,868 benefits.

The FY 2026 application includes:

- **Narratives** - The budget justification narrative.
- **Program Budget** per SF424A
- **Program Application** SF424, SF44B and ACF Standard Terms and Conditions

**Duration:** The 5-year application period ends on December 31, 2029. The funding amount is for the second program year in the application cycle – running from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. The EHS grant is renewable annually.

**Fiscal Impact:** ☐ Current Year ☒ Future Year ☐ N/A

Expenditures	Current Year	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Fund 124 - EHS Admin		\$154,688.00				\$154,688.00
Fund 124 - EHS Operations		\$1,348,402.00				\$1,348,402.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$1,503,090.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$1,503,090.00</b>

Revenue	Current Year	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
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**Authority Granted:** Motion 25-407 approves the Early Head Start application and authorizes the Snohomish County Council Chair to sign the application for January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, for the maximum amount of \$1,503,090.

<sup>1</sup> [Sec. 642 Powers and Functions of Head Start Agencies | ECLKC \(hhs.gov\)](#)

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**Background:** Snohomish County Early Head Start (EHS) serves families from pregnancy until children reach age three. The program provides weekly 90-minute home visits to nurture the child-parent relationship.

On September 17, 2024, the Council adopted [Motion 24-366](#) approving the First year's application for the Office of Head Start.

**Requested Action:** Consider taking action on Motion 25-407.