



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Health and Community Services

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ECAF: 2023-0846

Proposal: Motion 23-308

Date: August 8, 2023

Consideration

Proposed Motion 23-308 would approve and authorize the County Executive to execute the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) contract for Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) services (ECEAP Contract 24-1102).

Background and Analysis

The Snohomish County Human Services Department administers the ECEAP program at the County level. Established by the Legislature in 1985, ECEAP is a school-readiness program serving low-income and at-risk 3- and 4-year-old children and their families since. Because many factors affect a child's development and learning ability, ECEAP provides preschool education, health services coordination, nutrition, family support and parent engagement. The County ECEAP program was approved in the Human Services [2023 Grant Work Plan](#) (\$15,184,283 by [Motion 22-417](#)) and is anticipated to provide services to 1,541 children in Snohomish County. The amount awarded by DCYF (\$17,440,486) exceeds the Grant Work Plan by \$2,256,203. Since the award is more than \$50,000 greater than what the GWP anticipates, the current contract requires Council approval under [SCC 4.26.025\(2\)](#).¹

Of the contracted amount, Snohomish County would retain \$3,096,587 in Fund 124 for administration and program support and allocate \$14,343,899 to partner agencies as subcontractors for the ECEAP program. There would be no impact to county general revenue (Fund 002) resulting from the proposed action. The contract period runs from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. Human Services plans to spend the funding from DCYF equally between calendar years 2023 and 2024. In addition to approving the grant and authorizing the Executive to execute the agreement for it, Motion 23-308 authorizes the Executive to execute any amendments to the agreement.

Current Proposal: Motion 23-308 would approve the DCYF grant, authorize the Executive the execute the contract, and authorize the Executive to make amendments.

Handling: Normal

Finance: Approve

Risk Management: Approve

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Request: Move to General Legislative Session on August 9th for consideration.

¹ The Snohomish County Charter grants the County Council authority over contracts and budgets ([Charter 2.20](#)) and requires action by Motion ([Charter 2.140](#)). [SCC 4.26.025](#) provides for Council authority on motions related to Grant Work Plan revisions.