



Snohomish County Council

Legislation Text

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Executive/Council Action Form (ECAF)

ITEM TITLE:

Motion 23-137, approving Amendment #2 with the Office of Head Start, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services

DEPARTMENT: Human Services Department

ORIGINATOR: Laurie Bain-Smith

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: Neepaporn Boungjaktha (4/5/23)

PURPOSE: Request Council approval for electronic submission of amendment application to the Department of Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families/Office of Head Start (DHHS/ACF/OHS) for Cost-of-Living (COLA) and Quality Improvement (QI) funding. Application due 4.21.23.

BACKGROUND: NSC EHS is applying to DHHS/ACF/OHS for a 5.6 percent or \$74,600 COLA and \$34,576 in Quality Improvement (QI) funds to the 2023 grant award. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 contains an increase of approximately \$596 million for cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) and \$262 million for Quality Improvement (QI) funds. The COLA increase supports staff salaries and fringe benefits and offsets higher operating costs. COLA funds are effective at the start of the FY 2023 budget period and are retroactive if this period has already begun. QI funds are allocated proportionately based on federal funding enrollment with additional consideration given to small grantees to allow for meaningful investments, as permitted by the Act. To receive the COLA and QI funds, NSC EHS must submit an application, including budget narrative and detail.

The original 2023 grant award was for the first half of 2023 and was in the amount of \$680,022. Amendment(1) for the second half (\$680,021) brought the total award to \$1,360,043. Upon Notice of Award, COLA-QI funding will be recorded as Amendment(2) and will increase the award by \$109,176 for a new total of \$1,469,219.

With the Federal In Kind Match of \$340,011 included, the addition of COLA-QI funding causes the total award amount to exceed the amount allowed in the 2023 Grant Work Plan by more than \$50,000 and now requires Council approval.

The Early Head Start application for Amendment #2 does not require a signature. The application becomes the amendment upon approval.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
124-504197 (personnel objects 1011 & 2013)	\$9,635		
124-504198 (various objects)	\$99,541		

TOTAL	\$109,176		
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REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
124-3041979709 (Federal Head Start Admin)	\$9,635		
124-3041989709 (Federal Head Start Operations)	\$99,541		
TOTAL	\$109,176		

DEPARTMENT FISCAL IMPACT NOTES: Program costs will be supported by the proposed funding application. Required match of \$340,011 will be met with currently appropriated County General Fund Program Support (reference operating transfer DAC: 124-3041989701).

CONTRACT INFORMATION:

ORIGINAL	CONTRACT#	10CH011314	AMOUNT	\$ 680,020
AMENDMENT	CONTRACT#	10CH011314(1) 2nd Half	AMOUNT	\$ 680,020
AMENDMENT	X CONTRACT#	10CH011314 COLA-QI	AMOUNT	\$ 109,176
			TOTAL	\$1,469,219

Contract Period

ORIGINAL	START	1/1/2023	END	12/31/2023
AMENDMENT	START	1/1/2023	END	12/31/2023

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/COMMENTS: Reviewed/approved by Finance (Nathan Kennedy 4/5/23)