



Program #25200B - PEL - Contingency and Reserves FY 2025 Proposed

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Leslee Barnes
Program Offer Type: Revenue/Fund Level/Tech **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed
Related Programs: 40099B, 72052A, 72052B, 78335
Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Executive Summary

The revenue source for Measure 26-214, “Preschool for All,” is a personal income tax on the highest income earners who live or work in Multnomah County. Personal income tax revenue can vary widely between fiscal years. Reserve and contingency funds have been established to provide fiscal stability for Preschool for All and a consistent level of service, despite year-to-year variability.

Program Description

ISSUE: The Preschool for All personal income tax revenue will fluctuate from year to year.

PROGRAM GOAL: Reserve and contingency funds will help to provide ongoing fiscal stability for the initiative.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Preschool for All (PFA) is funded by a personal income tax. This revenue source will fluctuate from year to year. During this early stage of implementation of a new initiative, it is also important to be flexible, especially when responding to the needs of preschool providers.

Reserve and contingency funds will create ongoing stability for Preschool for All (PFA) and protect the program from unexpected revenue declines from economic fluctuations and unexpected costs. These fiscal stability approaches are informed by government accounting best practices and by Multnomah County’s Financial and Budget Policies.

The reserve and contingency funds were established in FY 2022. Each year, funding will be added to the reserve so that the total amount is 15% of anticipated PFA tax revenue for that fiscal year. The reserve fund will ensure the long-term financial stability of the program.

Preschool for All tax revenue will also be added to the contingency fund so that the total is 10% of anticipated PFA tax revenue for that fiscal year. The contingency fund will allow the Preschool & Early Learning Division to address unforeseen expenses during FY 2025.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
Output	% of reserve goal met	100%	100%	100%	100%
		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Unappropriated & Contingency	\$0	\$38,148,000	\$0	\$40,750,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$38,148,000	\$0	\$40,750,000
Program Total:	\$38,148,000		\$40,750,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation of Revenues

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2024: 25200B PEL - Contingency and Reserves

In FY 2025, reserves and contingency total \$40,780,000:
 \$24,450,000 - reserves (15% of Preschool for All tax revenue).
 \$16,300,000 - contingency (10% of Preschool for All tax revenue).