

Division: Preschool & Early Learning

Program Characteristics: One-Time-Only Request

Program Description

Over the full implementation of Preschool for All (PFA), revenues and expenses are aligned. However, there are individual years in which the program costs are higher than expected revenue. Revenue from the early years has been set aside as dedicated savings to fund preschool seats during future years.

PFA funds free preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds in Multnomah County. The program was designed to grow over time. The number of children served each year increases until universal preschool is achieved by 2030. PFA continues to be on track to meet this goal.

Dedicated savings supports long-term stability and consistent service levels, allowing PFA to, one, create universal preschool in Multnomah County by 2030, and, two, offer enough seats for all interested families in the future.

Dedicated savings have been an important part of PFA's financial planning since the initiative began. In the early years of the program, there were fewer preschool seats and the costs were lower. Unspent revenue during these early years was put aside as dedicated savings. As PFA implementation progresses and the number of seats increases, expenditures will outpace annual revenue. Over time, the gap between revenues and expenses narrows and projected revenue catches up with anticipated expenses. A significant amount of dedicated savings will be spent in FY 2027.

Equity Statement

Dedicated savings ensure long-term stability so every family can count on Preschool for All (PFA) year after year. By setting aside early surpluses, the program safeguards future seats for all children in Multnomah County. This planning approach prevents funding gaps that could disproportionately impact families with less access to high-quality preschool. It supports the equitable, sustainable creation of universal preschool by 2030.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Unappropriated & Contingency	\$0	\$498,506,817	\$0	\$514,695,586
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$498,506,817	\$0	\$514,695,586
Total Expenses:	\$498,506,817			\$514,695,586
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Financial projections updated based on most recent revenue and cost estimates	Yes	Yes	Yes
Based on projections, program is on track to cover future expenses	Yes	Yes	Yes