



Program #25203 - PEL - Preschool Infrastructure Capacity Building FY 2024 Proposed

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Leslee Barnes
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Proposed
Related Programs: 40099B, 72052A, 72052B, 78335
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

Having more preschool facilities is necessary for Preschool for All to meet its goals. In order to increase the number of early learning spaces, Preschool for All will invest in a facilities fund for preschool programs. This funding will help to build future preschool capacity in Multnomah County.

Program Description

ISSUE: High-quality environments support children's learning. There are not enough early learning spaces in Multnomah County for universal preschool access. Child care providers struggle to find facilities that meet their needs and money to cover the cost.

PROGRAM GOAL: Funding for preschool facilities will create access to capital dollars for preschool providers and increase the number of preschool slots in Multnomah County.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Well-designed spaces can enhance learning and child development. However, many providers experience challenges when trying to open a new facility or improve their existing space. The Preschool & Early Learning Division will establish a facilities fund for providers. The facilities fund will invest in the construction and renovation of early learning spaces, as well as offer technical assistance to preschool programs.

Many banks are unwilling to provide loans to child care providers, because of their low profits and lack of collateral. This challenge is exacerbated for Black, Indigenous and providers of color who experience systemic barriers to traditional bank loans and business supports. A facilities fund will increase child care providers' access to capital dollars and support providers ready to improve their learning environments and expand their programs.

Facilities funds will help providers improve their spaces and expand into bigger or new locations. Investments in child care facilities will give families more preschool choices and increase the number of preschool slots available.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Establish a PFA Facilities Fund and funding process for providers	N/A	1	1	1
Outcome	% of facilities fund investments that go to Black, Indigenous, or Business Owners of Color and CSOs*	N/A	50%	N/A**	50%

Performance Measures Descriptions

* CSOs= culturally specific organizations

** The Facilities Fund will be established in FY 2023, but funds will likely not be distributed until FY 2024

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$0	\$8,000,000	\$0	\$17,800,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$8,000,000	\$0	\$17,800,000
Program Total:	\$8,000,000		\$17,800,000	
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 2023: 25203 PEL - Preschool Infrastructure Capacity Building