



Program #25203 - PEL - Preschool Infrastructure Capacity Building FY 2025 Proposed

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Leslee Barnes
Program Offer Type: Operating **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. In Fiscal Year 2024, the Preschool & Early Learning Division established a facilities fund for providers. The facilities fund invests in the construction and renovation of early learning spaces, as well as offering 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 even bigger for Black, Indigenous and providers of color who experience systemic barriers to traditional bank loans and business supports. The facilities fund increases child care providers' access to capital dollars and supports providers ready to improve their learning environments and expand their programs.

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

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY23 Actual	FY24 Budgeted	FY24 Estimate	FY25 Target
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%	50%	50%

Performance Measures Descriptions

* CSOs = culturally specific organizations

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2024	2024	2025	2025
Contractual Services	\$0	\$17,800,000	\$0	\$17,800,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$17,800,000	\$0	\$17,800,000
Program Total:	\$17,800,000		\$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 2024: 25203 PEL - Preschool Infrastructure Capacity Building