



Program #25203 - PEL - Preschool for All Facilities Fund **FY 2026 Department Requested**

Department: County Human Services **Program Contact:** Leslee Barnes
Program Offer Type: Operating **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs: 40099B, 72052A, 72052B, 78335, 10000A
Program Characteristics:

Program Description

ISSUE: Currently, there are not enough early learning spaces in Multnomah County for universal preschool. Child care providers struggle to find new facilities that meet their needs. They also struggle to find money to cover the cost of facility renovations, expansion, or construction. Many banks are unwilling to provide loans to child care providers because of their low profits and lack of collateral. This challenge is even more significant for Black, Indigenous and providers of color who experience systemic barriers to traditional bank loans and business supports.

PROGRAM GOAL: Well-designed spaces can enhance learning and child development. Funding for preschool facilities allows preschool providers to expand their services, improve the quality of preschool settings, and increase the number of preschool seats in Multnomah County. Preschool for All (PFA) established an ongoing facilities fund in FY 2024.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY: The PFA Facilities Fund provides capital dollars to improve learning environments and expand preschool programs. Providers can apply to use facilities funding for pre-development costs, to renovate or preserve existing early learning spaces, or to build new early learning locations. For example, the funds can be used to improve health and safety conditions, construct new playgrounds, consult an architect, add a classroom, make ADA improvements, renovate kitchens, or open a new early learning center.

The fund offers technical assistance to preschool programs and is administered by a collaboration of four Community Development Financial Institutions called BuildUp Oregon. Technical assistance includes application assistance, child care facility design, navigating regulatory processes, and project feasibility. The Preschool & Early Learning Division works closely with BuildUp Oregon to improve the PFA Facilities Fund. For FY 2026, these improvements may include gap funding to support providers with fixed costs, like leasing and insurance, before payments for preschool services begin.

PROGRAM OUTPUTS:

- Provides funding for new early childhood learning facilities and for improvements to existing spaces.
- Creates new preschool seats in Multnomah County.
- Provides technical assistance to help preschool programs with facilities projects.
- Ensures that facilities funds are being equitably distributed.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of PFA seats that facilities fund investments expect to create ¹	N/A	N/A	440	500
Output	Total funding awarded to preschool providers ¹	N/A	N/A	\$15.5 million	\$17.3 million

Performance Measures Descriptions

¹This is a new performance measure for FY 2026.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Contractual Services	\$0	\$17,800,000	\$0	\$20,000,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$17,800,000	\$0	\$20,000,000
Program Total:	\$17,800,000		\$20,000,000	
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 2025: 25203 PEL - Preschool Infrastructure Capacity Building

Increased funding to create additional PFA seats and support the administration of funds and technical assistance for providers.