

Division: Preschool & Early Learning

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

There are not enough high-quality early learning spaces in Multnomah County for universal preschool. Many child care providers struggle to find facilities that meet their needs. They also struggle to fund renovations, expansion, or construction. Banks are often unwilling to lend to child care providers due to low profits and lack of collateral, a challenge especially significant for ethnic and diverse providers who face systemic barriers to traditional financing.

Well-designed spaces enhance learning and child development. The Preschool for All (PFA) Facilities Fund, established in FY 2024, supports preschool providers to expand services, improve preschool quality, and increase available seats in Multnomah County.

The PFA Facilities Fund provides capital dollars and technical assistance to improve learning environments and expand preschool programs. Providers can apply for funds to renovate or preserve existing spaces, build new locations, or cover pre-development costs. Technical assistance includes support with design, regulatory processes, and project feasibility. These efforts help providers strengthen business stability and create more high-quality preschool seats in Multnomah County.

Equity Statement

The Preschool for All Facilities Fund advances equity by expanding access to safe, high-quality preschool spaces across the county. Strategic investments help providers of color overcome systemic barriers to financing and facility ownership. Technical assistance and capital funding strengthen small and culturally specific programs. These efforts ensure all children learn in environments that reflect and support their communities.

Revenue/Expense Detail

| | 2026 General Fund | 2026 Other Funds | 2027 General Fund | 2027 Other Funds |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Personnel | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$166,280 |
| Contractual Services | \$0 | \$20,000,000 | \$0 | \$15,000,000 |
| Internal Services | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$18,129 |
| Total GF/non-GF | \$0 | \$20,000,000 | \$0 | \$15,184,409 |
| Total Expenses: | \$20,000,000 | | \$15,184,409 | |
| Program FTE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 |
| Total Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Performance Measures

| Performance Measure | FY25 Actual | FY26 Estimate | FY27 Target |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Number of Preschool for All seats that facilities fund investments expect to create | 525 | 520 | 250 |
| Total funding awarded to preschool providers | \$13.8 million | \$17.5 million | \$13 million |