

Division: Preschool & Early Learning

Program Characteristics: New Request, One-Time-Only Request

Program Description

The Preschool for All (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.

Nearly all PFA facilities projects require a permit. According to a 2024 report for the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, the average number of days it took the City of Portland to review a conditional use permit for child care facilities that applied between 2022 and 2024 was 221 days. Permitting processes can cause extensive delays for child care facility projects and may cause providers to miss PFA deadlines or incur significant additional costs.

The PFA City Permit Navigator funds a dedicated staff person at Portland Permitting & Development. This staff will serve as a single point of contact for all current and prospective PFA providers. They will help navigate code questions and ensure expedited permit processing. Their expertise with common requirements and approvals needed for a child care project, as well as relationships with City of Portland review departments, will expedite review at all stages. This will ensure that all three- and four-year olds in Multnomah County have access to safe and healthy learning environments.

Equity Statement

The PFA 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
Contractual Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$287,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$287,000
Total Expenses:	\$0		\$287,000	
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
Number of early childhood education facility permits processed that support Preschool for All projects	N/A	N/A	100
Percentage of preschool providers who were satisfied with the support they received from the Preschool for All City Permit Navigator	N/A	N/A	85%