

HEALTHY CHILDREN'S FUND

FUND DISTRIBUTION STATUS UPDATE

Contracted, In Development, and Planning

October 22, 2024



WHATCOM COUNTY
**HEALTH AND
COMMUNITY
SERVICES**



Budget based off of 2 years (2023-2024) of HCF collection

Early Learning & Care 64% of \$20M \$12.8 million budgeted	Supporting Vulnerable Children 27% of \$20M \$5.357 million budgeted
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CONTRACTED

Funding Recipient	Budgeted	Project Description	Notes
#1 Small Capital Grants			
Generations Childcare	\$67,000	Room expansion to add infant childcare	To Council 10/22-One-time funding
#5 Create Regional ELC Hubs & Services			
Catalyst	\$199,420	Countywide Autism services	Contract Executed; End Date 3/31/26
Opportunity Council	\$114,000	Emergency childcare vouchers for income eligible families	Contract Executed; End Date 12/31/25
#7 Recruit Mental & BH Workforce			
Brigid Collins	\$452,097	Mental and behavioral health service expansion for children 0-5 and their families	To Council 10/22
Ferndale School District	\$271,817	Mental and behavioral health service expansion for children 0-5 and their families	To Council 10/22
Lydia Place	\$474,786	Mental and behavioral health service expansion for children 0-5 and their families	Contract Executed; End Date 4/30/26
Whatcom Center for Early Learning	\$398,709	Mental and behavioral health service expansion for children 0-5 and their families	Contract Executed; End Date 3/31/26

Mobile Mama Therapy	\$164,235	Internship program for counseling graduate students to serve Medicaid eligible moms	Contract Executed; End Date 7/31/26
#8 Limit Housing Instability for Families			
Ferndale Community Services	\$269,315	Housing & financial assistance, budgeting, case management and other resources for families to avoid homelessness	Contract Executed; End Date 12/31/25
Lydia Place	\$1,155,524	Housing & financial assistance, budgeting, case management and other resources for families to avoid homelessness	Contract Executed; End Date 12/31/25
#9 Expand & Enhance Early Parenting Supports			
Onward Love Care Collective-Doula	\$34,890	Doula Services to improve birth and early life outcomes for Medicaid-eligible families	Contract Executed; End Date 12/31/25
Birth by Design-Doula	\$38,090	Doula Services to improve birth and early life outcomes for Medicaid-eligible families	Contract Executed; End Date 12/31/25
Drayton Harbor Doula	\$36,170	Doula Services to improve birth and early life outcomes for Medicaid-eligible families	Contract Executed; End Date 12/31/25
Labor of Love-Doula	\$20,000	Doula Services to improve birth and early life outcomes for Medicaid-eligible families	Contract Executed; End Date 12/31/25
Whatcom Working Doulas	\$20,000	Doula Services to improve birth and early life outcomes for Medicaid-eligible families	Contract Executed; End Date 12/31/25
The Very Best Doulas	\$20,000	Doula Services to improve birth and early life outcomes for Medicaid-eligible families	Contract Executed; End Date 12/31/25
Marissa Peterson-Doula	\$20,000	Doula Services to improve birth and early life outcomes for Medicaid-eligible families	Contract Executed; End Date 12/31/25
Many Moons Birth-Doula	\$39,450	Doula Services to improve birth and early life outcomes for Medicaid-eligible families	Contract Executed; End Date 12/31/25
Opportunity Council	\$93,811	Infant basic needs including diapers, formula, hygiene items, transportation and household safety products	Contract Executed; End Date 2/28/26

Whatcom County Food Bank Network	\$867,688	Infant basic needs including diapers and formula to be distributed at the Bellingham Food Bank and 12 other food banks across Whatcom County	Contract Executed; End Date 1/31/26
#10 Integrate/Co-locate Services to coordinate access to resources			
SEAS line with Opportunity Council	\$400,000	Increased capacity and population served through SEAS line opening up services to perinatal and post-partum families	Contract Executed; End Date 12/31/25
TOTAL BUDGETED	\$5,157,002		

IN DEVELOPMENT

Funding Recipient	Projected	Budgeted	Project Description	Notes
#2 Pathways to stable ELC workforce				
Bellingham Technical College	\$1.5 million	\$647K-year 1 \$647K-year 2	Scholarships for employees and support for childcare business owners to send staff to trainings	Moving through internal processes
#3 Early Learning & Care Subsidies				
Not Determined	\$3.3 million	Pending Council policy decision	Childcare payment subsidies for income-eligible families	Discussion with Council on 11/6
#4 Expand/Retain ELC Workforce				
Not Determined	\$2.05 million	Pending Council policy decision	Rate augmentation for childcare providers serving Working Connections families to cover cost of service	Discussion with Council on 11/6
#5 Create Regional ELC Hubs & Services				
Meridian Early Learning Hub	\$1 million	\$1 million	Offices for HUB services such as therapy, OT, PT and speech therapy, administrative services and supports for in-home providers and shared usage of classroom spaces for training and family services like play groups.	In development - One time funding
Drop-In-Care; Award Letter Pending	\$500,000		Network of countywide safe, quality drop in childcare options	In development
#6 Innovative ELC Approaches				
Pending	\$1.5 million		Services that support kindergarten readiness, low-income children and/or public health initiatives related to kindergarten readiness outcomes.	RFP closes 10/29/24
#8 Limit Housing Instability for Families				
Mercy Housing	\$422,532		Housing & financial assistance, budgeting, case management and other resources for families to avoid homelessness	In development
#9 Expand & Enhance Early Parenting Supports				

Sarah Day Doula Services	\$21,910	\$21,910	Doula Services to improve birth and early life outcomes for Medicaid-eligible families	In Review by Finance
Lydia Place	\$38,500	\$38,500	Infant basic needs including diapers, formula, hygiene items, transportation and household safety products	In Review by Finance
TOTAL PROJECTED	\$10,332,942.00			

PLANNING

Projected	Funding Recipient	Project Description	Notes
#1 Small Capital Grants			
\$1,000,000.00	TBD	Small capital expansion for early learning and care facilities and home-based centers	
#5 Create Regional ELC Hubs & Services			
\$1,000,000.00	TBD	County wide services, that support expansion and quality of child care slots	
#9 Expand & Enhance Early Parenting Supports			
\$600,000.00	TBD	Training and resources for an organization to facilitate and coordinate countywide parent peer-to-peer groups	
\$350,000.00	TBD	Hospital based social worker for families with immediate and emerging complex medical needs.	
\$10,000	Compass Mental Health Crisis Center	Baby/child-parent visiting room expansion and resources for clients	
TOTAL PROJECTED	\$2,960,000.00		