

HEALTHY CHILDREN'S FUND

FUND DISTRIBUTION STATUS UPDATE

Contracts Executed, In Development, and Planning

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Whatcom
Healthy
Children's
Fund



WHATCOM COUNTY
HEALTH AND
COMMUNITY
SERVICES



SUMMARY		\$20 million budget based off of 2 years (2023-2024) of HCF collection			
Category	Amount Contracted/ Budgeted	Amount in Development/ Projected	Amount in Planning/ Projected	Totals	Percentage of \$20 million HCF Budget
All	\$5,189,344	\$11,561,631	\$2,960,000	\$19,710,975	98.6%
Early Learning & Care (ELC)	\$385,722	\$11,561,631	\$2,000,000	\$13,947,353	69.7%
Supporting Vulnerable Children	\$4,803,622	\$0	\$960,000	\$5,763,622	28.8%

CONTRACTS EXECUTED

Funding Recipient	Budgeted	Project Description	Notes
#1 Small Capital Grants			
Generations Childcare	\$67,000	Room expansion to add infant childcare	Contract Executed; End Date 6/30/32
#5 Create Regional ELC Hubs & Services			
Catalyst Therapies	\$199,417	Countywide Autism support services	Contract Executed; End Date 3/31/26
Opportunity Council (Childcare Stabilization)	\$119,305	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	Contract Executed; End Date 4/30/26
Ferndale School District	\$271,817	Mental and behavioral health service expansion for children 0-5 and their families	Contract Executed; End Date 8/31/26
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
Mercy Housing	\$96,870	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	\$39,050	Doula Services to improve birth and early life outcomes for Medicaid-eligible families	Contract Executed; End Date 12/31/25
Labor of Love-Doula	\$22,850	Doula Services to improve birth and early life outcomes for Medicaid-eligible families	Contract Executed; End Date 12/31/25
Whatcom Working Doulas	\$34,050	Doula Services to improve birth and early life outcomes for Medicaid-eligible families	Contract Executed; End Date 12/31/25
The Very Best Doulas	\$34,570	Doula Services to improve birth and early life outcomes for Medicaid-eligible families	Contract Executed; End Date 12/31/25

CONTRACTS EXECUTED, continued

Funding Recipient	Budgeted	Project Description	Notes
#9 Expand & Enhance Early Parenting Supports			
Marissa Peterson-Doula	\$30,410	Doula Services to improve birth and early life outcomes for Medicaid-eligible families	Contract Executed; End Date 12/31/25
Sarah Day Doula Services	\$21,910	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 (Basic Needs)	\$93,811	Infant basic needs including diapers, formula, hygiene items, transportation and household safety products	Contract Executed; End Date 2/28/26
Lydia Place	\$38,500	Infant basic needs including diapers, formula, hygiene items, transportation and household safety products	Contract Executed; End Date 5/15/26
Bellingham Food Bank	\$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	\$225,000	Increased capacity and population served through Single Entry Access to Services (SEAS) line opening up services to perinatal and post-partum families	Contract Executed; End Date 12/31/25
Early Learning & Care (ELC)	\$385,722		
Supporting Vulnerable Children	\$4,803,622		
TOTAL BUDGETED	\$5,189,344		

IN DEVELOPMENT			
Funding Recipient	Projected	Project Description	Notes
#1 Small Capital Grants			
TBD	\$1,000,000	Small capital expansion for early learning and care facilities and home-based centers	RFP in development. Aiming for April 2025 release of RFP
#2 Pathways to stable ELC workforce			
Bellingham Technical College	\$1,500,000	Scholarships for employees and support for childcare business owners to send staff to trainings	Budgeted - \$647K each year for 2 years. Contract being reviewed as of 1/16/25
#3 Early Learning & Care Subsidies			
Not Determined	\$3,300,000	Childcare payment subsidies for income-eligible families	Resolution Passed 12/3/24; RFP in development
#4 Expand/Retain ELC Workforce			
C-RECC	\$411,631	Retain current childcare slots and increase childcare slots in county	Contract to Council on 1/28/24
Not Determined	\$2,050,000	Rate augmentation for childcare providers serving Working Connections families to cover cost of service	Resolution Passed 12/3/24; RFP in development
#5 Create Regional ELC Hubs & Services			
Meridian Early Learning Hub	\$1,000,000	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: Peace Centers	\$500,000	Network of countywide safe, quality drop in childcare options	Contract to Council on 1/28/24
#6 Innovative ELC Approaches			
Pending	\$1,800,000	Services that support kindergarten readiness, low-income children and/or public health initiatives related to kindergarten readiness outcomes.	Award letters sent 12/13/24. \$1.8 million awarded. Contracts being developed.
Early Learning & Care (ELC)	\$11,561,631		
Supporting Vulnerable Children	\$0		
TOTAL PROJECTED	\$11,561,631		

PLANNING

Funding Recipient	Projected	Project Description	Notes
#1 Small Capital Grants			
TBD	\$1,000,000	Small capital expansion for early learning and care facilities and home-based centers	RFP in development. Aiming for April release of RFP.
#5 Create Regional ELC Hubs & Services			
TBD	\$1,000,000	County wide services, that support expansion and quality of child care slots	
#9 Expand & Enhance Early Parenting Supports			
TBD	\$600,000	Training and resources for an organization to facilitate and coordinate countywide parent peer-to-peer groups	RFP being reviewed by Finance as of 12/11/24.
TBD	\$350,000	Hospital based social worker for families with immediate and emerging complex medical needs.	In development
Compass Mental Health Crisis Center	\$10,000	Baby/child-parent visiting room expansion and resources for clients	In development
Early Learning & Care (ELC)	\$2,000,000		
Supporting Vulnerable Children	\$960,000		
TOTAL PROJECTED	\$2,960,000		