



ARPA + Healthy Children's Fund Update and Planning

Whatcom Health and Community Services
Team

ARPA-Child Care Investment



- Memo highlights investments

Category	Project	Total Commitment	Status
Childcare Expansion	Laurel & Forest – Opportunity Council	\$200,000	Complete
Childcare Expansion	Laurel & Forest – Land Contribution	\$800,000	Complete
Childcare Expansion	Barkley Early Learning – YMCA	\$1,500,000	Complete
Childcare Expansion	Child Development Center - WWU	\$529,800	Contracted
Childcare Expansion	Home Based Provider Startup- Imagine	\$478,910	Contracted
Childcare Expansion	Meridian School District Early Learning	\$2,000,000	Awarded
Childcare Expansion	Bellis Childcare – Opportunity Council	\$1,000,000	Awarded
Childcare Expansion	Samish Commons – Housing Authority	\$1,093,637	Awarded
Childcare Expansion	Mountainview - Ferndale SD	\$700,000	Awarded
Childcare Stabilization	Kids World – Boys and Girls Clubs	\$757,036	Complete
Childcare Stabilization	Business Stabilization Grants	\$1,614,509	Complete
Childcare Stabilization	Healthy Children’s Fund Staffing	\$471,787	Complete
Childcare Stabilization	Provider and Family Supports	\$498,732	Contracted
Healthy Families	Single Entry Access to Services	\$118,540	Contracted
Childcare	Placeholder for cost overruns	\$1,030,686	

ARPA Childcare Slots Created & Preserved



With the ARPA investments, we have and will continue to see...

-550 new childcare slots created

-616 preserved childcare slots

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- **Contracted Projects**

- Early Learning & Care

- Services: \$313,420 for childcare vouchers and autism services
 - Small Capital: Generations: \$67,000 for infant slots (10.22 agenda)

- Supporting Vulnerable Children

- Expand & Enhance Services: \$208,600 contracted for doulas (40 referrals and 2 babies so far) and \$961,500 in basic needs to the Whatcom food banks and Opportunity Council
 - Coordinated Resources: \$400,000 for the SEAS line
 - Increase MH workforce and supports: \$1,037,730 (Mobile Mama, WCEL and Lydia Place
 - Increase Housing Stability: \$1,424,839 to Lydia Place and Ferndale Community Services

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- **Contracted Projects**

- Supporting Vulnerable Children (cont.)

- Expanding MH and BH services to children 0-5 and their families- \$723,914 to Brigid Collins and Ferndale School District-Contracts on 10.22 Council agenda

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- **Projects in process**

- EL&C

- \$1,294,000 Contract with BTC for workforce development
 - Drop in childcare-\$500,000 contract in development
 - Innovative EL&C approaches-\$1.5 million-RFP closes 10/29
 - Create Regional ELC Hubs & Services-\$1 million Meridian Early Learning Hub
 - Childcare Subsidy: \$5 million-conversation with Council on 11/6

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- **Projects in process**

- Supporting Vulnerable Children

- Housing Stability: \$422,532 to Mercy Housing
 - Doula Services: \$21,910 one outstanding contract
 - Basic Needs: \$38,500 to Lydia Place

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- **Projects in planning**

- Create Regional ELC Hubs-\$1,000,000
- Small Capital Grants-\$1,000,000
- Expanding and Enhancing Parenting Supports-P2P support, Baby/Child Visiting Room at Stabilization Center and Hospital Based Social Worker for families with complex medical needs-\$960,000

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- **Contracted/Awarded Funding: \$5,157,002**
- **In Process: \$10,332,942**
- **Planning (non-committed) Funding: \$2,960,000**

Questions for consideration



- Do you want to continue with the buckets or ELC and SVC?
- Do you want to continue to have % assigned to the different areas?
- Do you want to see lots of strategies across a variety of areas, or more focused strategies?
- Which priorities rise to the top for you?