

# 2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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**Budget Action Title:** Impose a proviso on a portion of DEEL Child Care Assistance Program expansion funds to increase access to infant care

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No

Primary Sponsor: Lorena González

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Brian Goodnight

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

## Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2020 Increase (Decrease)	2021 Increase (Decrease)
<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>General Fund Revenues</b>	\$0	
<b>General Fund Expenditures</b>	\$0	
<b>Net Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>Total Budget Balance Effect</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

## Budget Action Description:

This budget action would impose a proviso on a portion of the appropriations in the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) for the expansion of the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).

Between January and August 2019, on average, infants made up less than three percent of the children begin served by CCAP. The Council requests that DEEL explore strategies for increasing access to infant care through CCAP or other City programs, including an evaluation of whether the subsidy amounts for families with infants can be increased. The Council requests that DEEL provide a written report to the Council no later than March 31, 2020. To ensure that these requests are fulfilled to the Council's satisfaction, this budget action imposes the following proviso:

"No more than \$4.5 million of the money appropriated in the 2020 budget for the Department of

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Education and Early Learning may be spent for the Child Care Assistance Program until authorized by future ordinance. Council anticipates that such authority will not be granted until the Department of Education and Early Learning provides a plan for increasing access to infant care through the Child Care Assistance Program."

Background:

In the 2020 Endorsed Budget, CCAP is supported by 8.25 FTE and appropriations of approximately \$3.1 million. The 2020 Proposed Budget includes a \$3 million expansion of the program funded with Sweetened Beverage Tax revenues. Of the \$3 million proposed increase, approximately \$1.68 million would be used to fund child care vouchers, \$800,000 would be used for professional development and financial incentives for child care providers, and \$525,000 would be used to support an additional 5.5 FTE.

### Budget Action Transactions

#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
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