2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Add \$3.88 million GF to DEEL to expand eligibility for the Child Care Assistance

Program

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No

Primary Sponsor: Lorena González

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Brian Goodnight

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	ВН	KS	AP	DJ	МО	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)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$3,884,379	
Net Balance Effect	\$(3,884,379)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(3,884,379)	

Budget Action Description:

This budget action would add \$3,884,379 GF and 10 FTE to the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) to expand eligibility for the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).

This funding is intended for DEEL to target additional CCAP expansion efforts towards:

- 1. Creating supply in areas of the city where child care provider gaps exist;
- 2. Allowing program participation for students enrolled in advanced degree programs; and
- 3. Allowing program participation by those who work, but do not reside, in the city.

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To staff a program expansion of this magnitude, this budget action would provide the following additional positions:

- 1 FTE Manager 1
- 3 FTE Early Education Specialist
- 4 FTE Program Intake Representative
- 1 FTE Grants and Contracts Specialist
- 1 FTE Account Technician II

All of the positions have an assumed start date of April 1, 2020.

Background:

CCAP is a City child care subsidy program that provides eligible and participating families with vouchers that decrease the effective cost of child care for children between one month and 12 years of age at participating child care programs. Historically, to be eligible for CCAP, families had to: (a) reside in Seattle, (b) be employed or in an education or job training program, and (c) have income between 200 percent and 300 percent of the federal poverty level.

In the 2020 Endorsed Budget, CCAP is supported by 8.25 FTE and appropriations of approximately \$3.1 million. As of September 1, DEEL exercised its independent authority to expand CCAP eligibility to include those families making up to 350 percent of the federal poverty level, as well as to families enrolled in ESL or vocational classes. The 2020 Proposed Budget funds this expansion by increasing appropriations for the program by \$3 million, 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
1	Increase appropriations for additional CCAP eligibility expansion		0	0	DEEL - EE000	DEEL - BO-EE-IL100 - Early Learning	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$3,033,976
2	Pocket Adjustments		0	0	DEEL - EE000	DEEL - BO-EE-IL100 - Early Learning	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$850,403
3	Pocket Adjustments	Actg Tech II	1	1	DEEL - EE000	DEEL - BO-EE-IL100 - Early Learning	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$0
4	Pocket Adjustments	Early Ed Spec	3	3	DEEL - EE000	DEEL - BO-EE-IL100 - Early Learning	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$0
5	Pocket Adjustments	Grants&Contracts Spec	1	1	DEEL - EE000	DEEL - BO-EE-IL100 - Early Learning	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$0
6	Pocket Adjustments	Manager1,General Govt	1	1	DEEL - EE000	DEEL - BO-EE-IL100 - Early Learning	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$0
7	Pocket Adjustments	Prgm Intake Rep	4	4	DEEL - EE000	DEEL - BO-EE-IL100 - Early Learning	00100 - General Fund	2020	\$0	\$0