

2014 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Add \$168,000 GSF to DON, Office for Education BCL to expand the Early Learning Academy (ELA) program.

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Budget Proviso: No

Councilmembers: Burgess; Conlin; Godden

Staff Analyst: Patricia Lee; Alex Pedersen

Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	SB	BH	TR	RC	TB	NL	JG	SC	MO
	Yes										
	No										
	Abstain										
	Absent										

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2013 Increase (Decrease)	2014 Increase (Decrease)
General Subfund		
General Subfund Revenues	\$0	\$0
General Subfund Expenditures	\$0	\$168,000
Net Balance Effect	\$0	(\$168,000)
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$0	(\$168,000)

Budget Action description:

This Green Sheet would add \$168,000 GSF to the Department of Neighborhoods, Office for Education (OFE) BCL to expand enrollment in the Early Learning Academy (ELA). The ELA provides evidence-based professional development training to child care providers. Child care can be provided by licensed child care centers, licensed family home child care providers or by family, friends and neighbors. This \$168,000 increase would provide training to 60 family home child care providers. Family home child care providers are licensed to provide child care for twelve or fewer children in the living quarters where the licensee resides.

Background.

Research by the University of Washington's Institute for Learning and Brain Sciences (I-LABS) establishes that a child's life-long foundation for learning begins well before kindergarten. This is confirmed by a recent [Stanford University study](#), which shows that significant learning and language gaps can appear in children age 3 and younger.

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The intent of the ELA is to increase child care providers' knowledge of childhood development, and strengthen their skills at developing and implementing intentional learning activities. OFE's ELA trains child care providers in the use of the extensively evaluated High Scope program. High Scope encourages purposeful play-based learning as a foundation for the literacy, math and social/emotional skills children need to be ready for kindergarten.

In related efforts, the City provides child care subsidies to assist qualifying families with the cost of child care. HSD maintains a list of child care providers where families may use their child care subsidy. In 2014 HSD intends to increase the number of qualifying providers from the current 131 to 260, with a specific target of increasing the number of qualifying family home child care providers in underserved emerging communities, such as the Somali community.

While the \$168,000 will not provide sufficient funding for all existing or new child care providers on HSD's qualifying provider list to participate in the ELA in 2014, this expansion will allow a greater portion of family home child care providers the opportunity to participate. This proposed expansion of the Early Learning Academy is consistent with Budget Resolution 31425 because the training is based on the extensively evaluated High Scope early learning models which are proven to produce positive education outcomes.

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Budget Action Transactions

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#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BCL or Revenue Source	Summit Code	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Increase GSF support to DON for Early Learning Academy				DON	Office for Education	I3700	00100	2014		\$168,000