

Early Learning Council

August 13, 2020

2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Early Learning Division
3rd Floor, Grand Ronde Room
700 Summer St NE, Suite 350
Salem, OR 97301

COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST

Revised August 12, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: Preschool Promise Program Intent to Award Appeals

ACTION: Consider appeals of Early Learning System Director's decision for Preschool Promise Program (PSP).

ISSUE: Twenty-four applicants appealed the Early Learning Division's decision to place applicants' request for funding in either Tier 2 or Tier 3 of the Intent to Award notification. Due to the budget passed on 8/10/2020 by the 2020 Special Session of the Oregon Legislature, we plan to fund all of the requests in Tier 2. Therefore, the Council will only need to consider 12 of the 24 appeals, which represent those slots placed in Tier 3.

BACKGROUND:

Summary of the application request: All applicants are requesting to receive either additional Preschool Promise slots or to review the decision to not award any Preschool Promise slots. Details of the application request for each of the twenty-four Preschool Promise Program appeals are provided in the Summary of Appeals table.

Summary of the review process & recommendation:

At the time of the appeal deadline, 24 applicants appealed the Early Learning Division's decision. Since that time, ELD's budget has been re-approved by the Legislature and will be signed by the Governor at the original 2019-21 LAB amount. This means that approximately \$8 million or 3,928 PSP slots will be able to be awarded, representing all applicants within Tiers 1 and 2. Therefore, all appeals applying to slots placed in Tier 2 will no longer be considered valid as they will be funded.

The 12 applications with an appeal remaining were reviewed in accordance with the grant review summary process provided in the staff summary. The Review Committee recommendations are included in the attached appeals summary table.

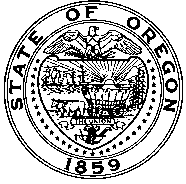
Director's decision: Based on Review Committee ranking, available funding, and staff directive, the Early Learning System Director approved funding for Tier 1 applicants and, if it became available, for Tier 2 applicants. The primary reasons for each funding request's placement in Tier 2 or Tier 3 are provided in the summary appeals document.

PROPOSED COUNCIL ACTION: Deny all 12 appeals as summarized in the summary appeals table.

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Attachments:

- I. Appeals summary table



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2. Slot Allocation Plan
3. Tiered Slots
4. Application
5. Application review materials