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Introduced by: Audrey Gruger

Proposed No.: 90-273

ORDINANCE NO. **9385**

AN ORDINANCE making an appropriation of \$424,727 to the Health and Human Services Fund--Child Care Program, from the carry-over of unexpended 1989 funds; and amending Ordinance No. 9221, Section 45, as amended.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. There is hereby approved and adopted an appropriation of \$424,727 to the Health and Human Services Fund--Child Care Program, from the carryover of unexpended 1989 funds for one-time only projects that were not completed in 1989, and other identified needs, in accordance with the attached budget and expenditure plan.

SECTION 2. Ordinance No. 9221, Section 45, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto and inserting therein the following:

HUMAN SERVICES/CSD/CHILD CARE - From the Health and Human Services Fund there is hereby appropriated to:

Human Services/CSD/Child Care \$424,727

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 26th day of March, 1990

PASSED this 2nd day of April, 1990:

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lois North
Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald A. Peterson
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 13th day of April, 1990.

Jim Hill
King County Executive

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APPROVED
--Child
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1989 CARRYOVER PROPOSAL

CHILD CARE PROGRAM

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STATUS OF THE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

On April 24, 1989, the King County Council adopted a budget and guidelines for the implementation of the Child Care Program. The Council approved the use of a vendor/voucher model where eligible parents are given a voucher to "shop" for child care among pre-screened child care providers. The amount of the parent's voucher is determined by the family income and age of the child. Recruitment and screening of child care providers began in July, 1989, with the first children enrolling in the program in September, 1989.

1989 GOALS

The goals of the program were to have Service Agreements with one hundred (100) child care providers, and to enroll three hundred fifty (350) children by the end of 1989. As of December 31, 1989, the program had Service Agreements with one hundred fifteen (115) child care providers and had enrolled 473 children.

CLIENT OUTREACH

Flyers were distributed door to door in all King County Housing Authority developments in the balance of county. Flyers were distributed to all children in every elementary school in areas identified, through our targeted needs assessment as, serving low-income children. Every distribution included flyers in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Laotian, and Cambodian. Information was sent to the entire roster of agencies from the Crisis Clinic Community Information Line, including all child care providers in balance of county. Presentations were arranged with community organizations and agencies, including DSHS Offices. Client representatives conducted intake with parents during both day and evening hours at 12 different locations around the county. Although the program has not done any active recruitment since the initial campaign, the program currently has a waiting list of four hundred (400) children. Telephone inquiries continue to come in at an average of 50 calls per day. Our one clerical staff person is unable to keep up with this demand and we are receiving many complaints regarding our phone service. Temporary help is requested to deal with this workload and the anticipated increase expected related to the implementation of the Employee Subsidy Program.

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CHILD CARE PROVIDER OUTREACH/SERVICES

Information regarding the start-up and requirements of the subsidy program was sent to all licensed child care providers in the balance of county. Because of lack of experience or previous negative experience with governmental agencies, many providers were initially reluctant to participate in the program. Others also feared that the comprehensive assessment to be conducted on their program might be harmful to their program and staff morale. However, once face-to-face contact with county child care staff occurred, these concerns were quickly overcome.

To date, we have conducted over one hundred fifty (150) assessments with child care providers in the balance of county. All providers have reported the assessment process as being helpful to them. They have found the information provided by the assessment instrument, and the feedback, technical assistance, and resources given by the assessors to be valuable tools for improving the quality of their programs. This process has identified needed provider program improvements included with this Carryover Request.

ADDITIONAL NEEDS IDENTIFIED

Our original plan established that we needed a minimum of 100 child care providers county-wide. In targeting the recruitment of child care providers, a minimum number of providers needed was established in each zip code. Those targets had been met by the end of December. However, with full enrollment, the need to have additional child care providers was identified. Some geographic areas need additional providers because of the number of eligible parents in that area. In addition, more evening and weekend care is needed in most areas. Recruitment of these additional providers is included with this Carryover Request.

The assessment process has helped child care providers improve the quality of care for about 6000 children in the balance of county. This is the total number of children being served by providers for whom King County Child Care Program has completed the assessment process. The majority of these providers have large populations of children from low-income families, in addition to those children who are also being served by the county subsidy program. The largest expenditure item in the attached request is to help these providers continue to improve the quality of child care offered to these 6000 children.

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CHILD CARE PROGRAM 1989 CARRYOVER PROPOSAL
(EXPLANATION OF HOW BUDGET BALANCE DETERMINED)

<u>1989 BUDGET CATEGORY</u>	<u>APPROVED BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>OBLIGATED¹</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>PROPOSED USE FOR BALANCE</u>
ADMINISTRATION/ START-UP	255,000	245,000	-0-	10,000	13,485
RESOURCE & REFERRAL	180,000	16,286	163,714	-0-	-0-
SUBSIDY/ ONE TIME ONLY	565,000	119,714	30,559	434,727	431,242
TOTALS	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>381,000</u>	<u>194,273</u>	<u>424,727</u>	<u>424,727</u>

1989 OBLIGATED FUNDS¹

RESOURCE AND REFERRAL

163,714

Balance of 1989 R&R Start Up contract

163,714

SUBSIDY/ONE TIME ONLY

30,559

1989 Work Training Homeless Employment Project
(Not billed prior to close of '89)

20,000

Balance of 1989 Provider Recruitment Contract

10,559

TOTAL OBLIGATED FUNDS

194,273

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PROJECTS COMMITTED AGAINST 1989 BALANCE

Below is a list of funds committed against the 1989 Child Care Budget. The plan to spend one time only funds for these types of purposes was a part of the original proposal, and in no way affects the HHS Fund Balance. This supplemental request is needed because we were unable to expend all funds due to a later start date than originally planned. Due to the later start date, a smaller amount was spent on subsidy than originally planned, leaving a larger balance available for one time only projects. The rationale for not using the funds for subsidies was to prevent overinflating the subsidy program beyond what could be sustained yearly. Also, the need for assistance to potential providers was greater than originally planned. Projects meet the Council approved criteria for expenditure of Child Care One Time Only Funds. The criteria is listed below.

CHILD CARE PROGRAM ONE TIME ONLY GRANT CRITERIA
(AS APPROVED BY THE KING COUNTY COUNCIL ON APRIL 24, 1989)

- A. Priority to areas of the county which have been identified as having the lowest ratio of licensed care slots to children needing care.
- B. Development of infant care slots.
- C. Development of child care facilities in public housing projects where no facility exists, and there is an identified need for a child care facility.
- D. Equipment, supplies, facility modification to meet needs of special populations, i.e., non or limited English speaking, culturally different.
- E. Development of other specific types or location of care identified through community needs assessment.

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I. PROJECTS WHICH EXPAND THE SUPPLY AND AVAILABILITY OF CHILD CARE IN THE BALANCE OF COUNTY

1. Purchase new software (Carefinder) and computers for faster and expanded child care information and referral services. King County's referral service is the only I&R in Washington State not using Carefinder software. (One time only grant criteria E) Contracted service with Crisis Clinic Day Care Referral Service. Software and computers will be transferred to the new Resource and Referral Agency when it opens in April of 1990.	30,000
2. Assist start of Infant/Toddler Center in South King County (One time only grant criteria A, B, & E) Contracted service with John Lewman, Inc.	25,000
3. Assist start of Child Care Center in Springwood Housing Project (One time only grant criteria C) Contracted service with Catholic Community Services	30,000
4. Assist start of Child Care Center in Duvall (One time only grant criteria E) Contracted service with Duvall Care for Kids	25,000
5. Purchase playground equipment for Families First Family Support Center Five thousand dollars is designated for each of two sites - one in the Burien area and one in the Kent Valley area. (One time only grant criteria A, & E) Contracted service with Children's Home Society of Washington. Letter of commitment is included as Attachment A.	10,000
6. Recruitment of culturally specific Family Day Care in balance of county (One time only grant criteria D)	30,000
7. Start Substitute Teacher Bank in balance of county (One time only grant criteria E) Contracted service with Child And Family Resource and Referral.	25,000
<u>TOTAL THIS PAGE</u>	<u>\$175,000</u>

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I. PROJECTS WHICH EXPAND THE SUPPLY/AVAILABILITY OF CHILD CARE IN THE BALANCE OF COUNTY

TOTAL FROM PREVIOUS PAGE	\$175,000
8. Completion of projects in process with current child care contractors Includes supplies, equipment, and facility modification with training and technical assistance to meet program, health, and safety required improvements identified through the County's Child Care Program Assessment. Child Care Providers who wish to provide services to the County Child Care Program must have their program assessed by County Staff. (One time only grant criteria A, B, D, & E)	160,000
9. Child Care Provider recruitment to create extended child care services, such as evening/weekend care and a better geographical spread of services, with more child care providers in identified zip codes. (1490 extra-help hours @ \$15.50/hour) (One time only grant criteria E)	23,095
10. 1990 Homeless Employment Project. King County committed to \$20,000 of services if the project was funded in 1990. Parents on the current child care waiting list would have to be displaced in order to meet this commitment. (One time only grant criteria E) The letter of commitment is included as Attachment B	20,000
11. MIS/FISCAL computer programming improvements These are improvements and changes needed by the City of Seattle and the county in exchange for the use of the City's Computer program, valued at \$20,000+	10,000
<u>TOTAL FUNDS COMMITTED</u>	<u>\$388,095</u>

II. OTHER REQUESTS

1. Completion of standard follow-up on December 1989 parent intakes. Standard completion time is one month. Follow-up completed on January 31, 1990. (150 extra-help hours @ \$15.50/hour)	2,325
2. HHS Follow-up/Evaluation. This is a Council mandated report. We were unable to conduct follow-up interviews in 1989 because of the adjusted start date for the subsidy program. Parents need to be in the program for six months before follow-up begins. (720 extra-help hours @ \$15.50/hour)	11,160
<u>TOTAL THIS PAGE</u>	<u>\$13,485</u>

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II OTHER REQUESTS

TOTAL FROM PREVIOUS PAGE	13,485
3. Telephone screening for subsidy program (945 extra-help hours @ \$9.00/hour) Extra-help needed for overwhelming response to subsidy program and anticipated calls for Employee Child Care.	8,505
<u>TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED</u>	<u>\$21,990</u>

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS/REQUESTS AGAINST 1989 BALANCE

SOURCE

PROJECTS EXPANDING AVAILABILITY OF CHILD CARE	388,095	ONE TIME ONLY/SUBSIDY BALANCE	388,095
OTHER REQUESTS	21,990	ONE TIME ONLY/SUBSIDY BALANCE	8,505
		ADMIN/START-UP BALANCE	13,485
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>410,085</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>410,085</u>

1989 CHILD CARE PROGRAM BALANCE

\$424,727

CARRYOVER REQUESTS

-410,085

DIFFERENCE

14,642*

*It is proposed that this amount be placed a Contingency Reserve Fund as a one time cushion for summer care which may be needed by siblings of current enrollees. This amount would revert to the HHS fund if not used.

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King County
Community Services Division
Child Care Program

Department of
Human Resources

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Seattle, Washington 98104
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June 27, 1989

Kara Black
Project Coordinator
Families First Project
Children's Home Society
P.O. Box 15190
Seattle, WA 98115-0190

Dear Kara:

The King County Child Care Program is pleased to pledge support for the Families First Project. As agreed in our recent conversations, the county will contribute up to \$10,000 for the purchase or construction of outdoor play equipment at two or three of your new child care/family support sites. The source of revenue for the county's child care program is a county sales tax (unicorporated only).

We will certainly cooperate with Families First for mutual referrals of eligible families, including a reduced application process for your program participants who otherwise qualify for our program.

Thanks for all your hard work. This project would be a valuable resource to South King County.

Sincerely,

Sadikifu Z. Akina-James
Coordinator

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cc: Susan Carter, Manager, Community Services Division



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**King County Executive
TIM HILL**

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June 1, 1989

Mr. Alfred L. Starr, Executive Director
Seattle-King County Private Industry Council
Market Place One, Suite 250
2001 Western Avenue
Seattle, WA 98121

RE: Homeless Initiative Pilot Project Application

Dear Mr. Starr:

King County endorses the Seattle-King County Private Industry Council's (PIC) application to the U.S. Department of Labor for a second year of funding for its Homeless Initiative Pilot Project (HIPP). The County will again earmark at least \$20,000 in child care funding for participants enrolled in HIPP.

Your project, which as been in existence for only seven months, has made a significant contribution in dealing with the problem of homelessness in King County.

HIPP has been successful due to a number of factors, including:

- HIPP has established linkages with all of the appropriate housing, employment, training, and treatment services providers.
- The causes of homelessness are being addressed as well as the effects.
- A case management approach to services has assured that clients are assisted in all areas necessary to make the transition to economic self-sufficiency. This not only includes housing and employment but counseling, health care, child care, food, and financial support as well.
- Clients begin receiving services right at the shelter providing temporary housing, the first stop for many homeless people.
- A variety of employment and training interventions are utilized to assist clients in obtaining stable, well-paid employment. The entire spectrum of employment and training programs is utilized.
- Extensive financial support is available to clients both through grant funds and from a variety of public and private contributions.

Alfred L. Starr
June 1, 1989
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The PIC has provided Countywide leadership in addressing the employment and training needs of the homeless. The County applauds the success of HIPP and looks forward to our continued work together on this important project.

Sincerely,



Tim Hill
King County Executive

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cc: Maureen McLaughlin, Director, Department of Human Resources
ATTN: Susan Carter, Manager, Community Services Division
✓ Jerry DeGriek, Administrator, Employment Programs