



State Early Childhood Development Coordinating Council (SECDCC)

Aug. 16, 2023

Agenda

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Medicaid Renewals Update



FY24 Budget



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FY 2024 BUDGET OVERVIEW

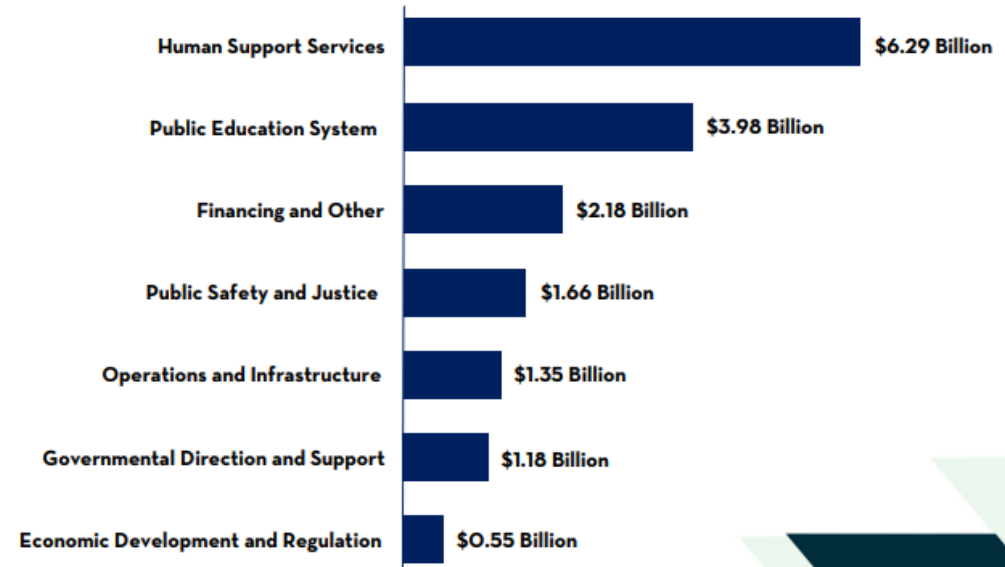
OPERATING BUDGET

- **\$19.7B** gross funds budget
- **\$10.6B** Local Funds budget
- Local Fund resources decrease by **\$110M** or 1% compared to the FY 2023 Approved Budget

MOST SIGNIFICANT INCREASED INVESTMENT

Collective Bargaining Agreements, Retirement Accounts, Schools, Medicaid, Fixed Costs and Facilities Maintenance plus Debt Service to support planned capital investments

FY 2024 OPERATING BUDGET



EDUCATION

What are we doing now?

- **\$2B** in funding from the Uniform Per Student Funding Formula (UPSFF) towards public and public charter schools
- **\$18M** to support schools in weathering the effects of the pandemic through the Mayor's Recovery Fund
- **\$14M** for preventative maintenance of schools' heating and cooling systems

What new investments are we making in FY 2024?

- **\$145M** to support a 5.05% increase to the foundation of the UPSFF
- **\$20M** to continue supporting schools feeling the effects of the pandemic through the Mayor's Recovery Fund
- **\$116M** to support raising the wages of teachers in both public and public charter schools
- **\$5M** to begin planning and implementing "My Afterschool DC," an online central hub for parents to access afterschool opportunities for their children within the District
- **\$1.6M** to begin planning and implementing a Teacher Apprenticeship Program to train future teachers in the District
- **\$6.8M** in the Special Education Enhancement Fund to fund dedicated childcare slots for infants and toddlers with disabilities and out-of-school time slots for children with disabilities and a referral system
- Raising the **eligibility for the childcare subsidy** from 250% of the federal poverty line to 300% of the federal poverty line

FY24 Budget Highlights

- Mayor's budget proposal included raising income eligibility for child care subsidy from 250 to 300 percent of federal poverty level.
 - The Division of Early Learning (DEL) estimates that 5,200 children ages 0-13 will be newly income-eligible for subsidy.
- Budget authority will allow DEL to launch a grant program for child care for children with special needs in FY24.
 - DEL will seek stakeholder input on program design in coming months.
- Many coronavirus (COVID-19) relief grants expire Sept. 30, 2023; DEL will continue to spend American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) CCDF funds in FY24 to support child care subsidy program and DC Leading Educators toward Advanced Degrees (DC LEAD).

Funding for key early learning programs: FY23 and FY24

Program	FY23	FY24
Child Care Subsidy (total)	\$111,965,324	\$115,889,938
Local	\$60,483,482	\$64,718,484
CCDF	\$17,494,361	\$17,183,973
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) transfer	\$24,278,715	\$24,278,715
ARPA discretionary (COVID relief)	\$9,708,766	\$9,708,766
Early Childhood Educator Pay Equity Fund (total)	\$90,275,690	\$69,508,332
FY subsidies	\$72,889,092	<i>(FY24 carryover</i>
Non-lapsing carryover	\$17,386,598	<i>will be available</i>
		<i>after September</i>
		<i>2023 distribution)</i>
Back to Work Child Care Grants	\$ 23,538,250	\$309,382
DC LEAD Scholarships	\$4,800,000	\$1,946,618
Quality Improvement Network	\$2,613,408	\$3,763,716
Strong Start Early Intervention	\$6,805,954	\$6,348,755
Pre-kindergarten Enhancement and Expansion Program (PKEEP)	\$13,964,547	\$13,964,547



**Child Care and Development
Fund (CCDF) State Plan,
FY2025-2027**

What is CCDF?

- CCDF is the primary source of federal funding for child care assistance for families with low incomes and to improve the quality of care for all children.
- CCDF is a federal-state partnership.
 - The federal government provides funding and states contribute matching and maintenance-of-effort (MOE) funds.
 - States have flexibility to set child care subsidy policies under a broad federal framework.
 - CCDF generally covers three areas of child care services:
 - Child care subsidy
 - Health and safety
 - Quality improvement

CCDF in the District of Columbia

- In FY24, The District of Columbia will receive \$15.3 million in federal CCDF funding.
- The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) serves as the lead agency responsible for administering the CCDF program.
- CCDF funds support a variety of activities:
 - Child care subsidy payments for eligible early learners and school-aged children 3-13 enrolled in before/afterschool programs
 - Other activities to support the District's early learning system, including:
 - Child care licensing
 - Programs to improve quality and supply, such as Capital Quality and Shared Services Business Alliance
 - Resources to assist families in finding care, such as DC Child Care Connections and My Child Care DC
 - Professional development and scholarships for early educators
- OSSE combines CCDF funds, local funding and TANF funds to support the child care subsidy program.
- In FY23, average monthly enrollment in child care subsidy is 5,793 children.

What is the CCDF State Plan?

- The CCDF State Plan serves as a state's application for CCDF funds. It provides descriptions and assurances about the state's child care program and services.
- States Plans are submitted to the federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on a triennial basis.
 - ACF uses the State Plan as the basis for monitoring states' compliance with the requirements of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act.
- The District's current CCDF State Plan for FY22-24 is posted on OSSE's website: osse.dc.gov/publication/dc-child-care-and-development-fund.
- **The District's current CCDF State Plan, submitted in July 2021, covers the period from Oct. 1, 2021-Sept. 30, 2024.**
- **The District's CCDF State Plan for FY25-27 is due July 1, 2024.**

CCDF State Plan Process

- The District's CCDF State Plan describes the programs and services available to eligible District residents and the processes and activities the District will conduct to meet CCDF requirements over a three-year time period.
- It is prepared in consultation and collaboration with multiple entities, **including the SECDCC** and with opportunities for public review and input.
- Specifically, OSSE will consult with SECDCC on:
 - Overall development of the state plan
 - OSSE's statewide disaster plan for child care facilities
 - OSSE's training and professional development framework
 - OSSE's alternative methodology (cost model) for setting subsidy payment rates

CCDF State Plan Timeline

Date	Activity
September 2023-March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSSE consultation with partners, including SECDCC • OSSE consults with SECDCC on alternative methodology/cost modeling (December) • OSSE drafts CCDF State Plan
March/April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSSE posts draft state plan on OSSE website • OSSE holds public hearings and collects public comment on draft state plan • Continued consultation with partners
May-June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSSE revises and finalizes CCDF state plan in coordination with SECDCC
July 1, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCDF state plan due to ACF
August-September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSSE responds to questions from ACF and revises plan as needed
October 2024-September 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSSE amends approved CCDF state plan as needed to reflect changes in policy or practice





Announcements and Public Comment



Wrap Up and Next Steps