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**From:** Eastern Washington University  
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**Subject:** New S&A Funding Request Submission  
**Attachments:** EWU-Childcare-FY25-budget-Spreadsheet.xlsx

New S&A Funding Request received!

### Requesting Organization

EWU Childcare Center

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### Budget Request and History

#### Attach Budget Request Spreadsheet (found at top of form)

- [EWU-Childcare-FY25-budget-Spreadsheet.xlsx](#)

#### Please select which represents your request best?

FY25 Budget Request

#### Please provide a summary of your dept/prog/unit.

Eastern Washington University contracts with the YMCA to provide the EWU Childcare Center. S&A Funds subsidize the cost of Childcare for EWU students, lowering the cost of childcare - supporting childcare at EWU and ensuring that student-parents have access to services they need to be successful while at EWU. The EWU Children's Center: Offers an educational, child-centered program to the children of EWU students, faculty and staff. Its located on campus in a state-of-the-art facility. Is managed through a contract between EWU and the YMCA of the Inland Northwest, and is state licensed to serve 194 children. Serves children ranging from 6 weeks to 10 years of age. Provides fulltime and part-time care, including after-school care. Is funded through direct payments from parents and underwritten with Services and Activities fees. Includes a state-funded, four-year-old classroom - ECEAP, to include education, health and nutrition, parent involvement and faculty support. Requires that lead classroom teacher credentials include an Early Childhood Education degree or experience as well as (STARS) State Training And Registry System certification.

#### How does your dept/prog/unit plan to spend the awarded funds?

The contract with the YMCA has recently been re-negotiated. The new contract will be significantly higher than before. this will allow us to continue to our our childcare center managed by the YMCA, and therefore provide our students, faculty and staff this service. The new contract states we will pay \$188,000 plus up to \$100,000 of the operating deficit. Requiring us to make up for losses in operations costs of which YMCA will document to us during this contract period over last years contract amount. We do understand funding is tight, however this is a need for our students and campus to assist in furthering their education. We also have an annual contract for a service agreement for our dishwasher of \$2,500. We also

have a contract with Hainsworth laundry for \$900, We have set aside \$1,000 for unexpected repairs and supplies. Our request is slightly over last year awarded funding because we were only funded for the amount of the YMCA contract of 188,000.

**Did your dept/prog/unit receive funds in FY24?**

Yes

**If you answered yes to the previous question, please submit the total amount received.**

188,000

**Salaries, Benefits, & Wages**

**Does your request include any staff salaries/benefits, and/or student wages?**

No

**How many UNDERGRADUATE student employees are being supported by S&A funding?**

0

**How many GRADUATE student employees are being supported by S&A funding?**

0

**How many CLASSIFIED staff are being supported by S&A funding?**

0

**How many ADMINISTRATIVE staff are being supported by S&A funding?**

0

**How many FACULTY staff are being supported by S&A funding?**

0

**Please confirm that you have budgeted for all salary increases, according to the Budget Assumptions outlined, and that number will be included in your direct expense figure when you build your budget**

- Yes

**Impact From Funding**

**How does your dept/prog/unit collaborate with other departments, programs, units?**

The EWU Childcare Center supports student employment/hires a number of students to serve in a variety of roles at the center, has offered internships, and has a history of partnering with the College of Education to improve programs and services. The staff, employed by the YMCA, that manage the center also partner with law enforcement and athletics to work with the kids, engage in safety assessments (EWU Police), and provide educational programming for parents. The staff also work with ASEWU and University administration to gather feedback from parents and stakeholders, on a regular basis, to improve offerings.

**How does your dept/prog/unit collaborate with outside stakeholders?**

This is an external collaboration/contract. Beyond the contract, the YMCA staff that manage the center collaborate with student and non-student parents alike to support the center and provide educational and engagement opportunities for both students and parents.

**How does your dept/prog/unit contribute to the local/regional community?**

Balancing family life, being a parent and focusing on school work is extremely difficult, especially for single parents. Balancing parenting and finishing a degree can seem impossible without the right support mechanisms. According to a report from the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR), student parents drop out of college at a higher rate than any other demographic—only 33 percent of student parents obtain a degree within six years. Based on research, college graduates, earn 66 percent more than high-school graduates over the course of their lives. Greater educational attainment is also associated with higher rates of employment over one's life cycle and that it can have multi-generational benefits. - All of this can have long-term effects to the local and regional community - ensuring that student complete their degree programs and have the opportunity to make a difference in our local/regional communities.

**What impact(s) does this dept/prog/unit have on campus? Briefly describe the need for your dept/prog/unit. How does your dept/prog/unit support the mission and/or goals of EWU?**

This contract ensures that quality childcare is accessible to student parents and faculty/staff. This allows students to pursue their education and ensures that we are providing the space (resources/services) for students to transform their lives through education.

**How does your dept/prog/unit assess the effectiveness of your programs/services and how is it tracked?**

We partner, regularly, with the EWU Childcare Center staff and ASEWU to garner feedback from parents and ensure that their are stakeholder groups helping guide improvements to the Center. We track the number of kids enrolled, the number of student parents served and the number of community members served.

**Financial Responsibility**

**What are the top funding priorities for your dept/prog/unit and is any of this funding for contracts? If so, how much?**

In order, we need the following supported through this S&A Funding request: 1) The Contract: \$188,000 2) Contingency/Improvements: \$ 1,000 4) Washer & Dryer Lease: \$900 5)Dishwasher Maintenance Contract \$2,500 this request is at the bare minimum that it will take for the childcare to operate.

**How does your dept/prog/unit track and manage your budgets to ensure financial sustainability?**

We monitor the contract and obligations in the contract carefully. Additionally we work to ensure that we partner with ASEWU to hear from student parents and how childcare needs are being met. On average, we negotiate a new contract every 3-5 years and work to ensure that any increases do not exceed the fiscal growth factor.

**How will you ensure that student fees do not subsidize non-student use?**

As part of the YMCA Contract Negotiations we outline that students have first-right of refusal for any open spots and ensure that fees charged to students are reduced in alignment with what S&A supports.

**Engagement**

**Please share the number of STUDENTS your dept/prog/unit serves annually.**

60

**Please share the number of FACULTY your dept/prog/unit serves annually.**

7

**Please share the number of STAFF your dept/prog/unit serves annually.**

38


**Please share the number of ALUMNI your dept/prog/unit serves annually.**

0

**Please share the number of OUTSIDE STAKEHOLDERS your dept/prog/unit serves annually.**

28

**Acknowledgment**

 I confirm that the details included in this budget request are accurate to the best of my knowledge and are fully aware of S&A Fee regulations.