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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)

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Please select which represents your request best?

FY26 Budget Request

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

EWU contracts with the YMCA to provide on-site childcare for our students; S&A Funds subsidize this cost to lower the overall expense for our student parents which helps them succeed in their educational efforts. The center is state-licensed to serve 194 children, from ages 6 weeks to 10 years, and offers an educational, child-centered program to the children of EWU students, faculty and staff. The cost of the care is funded through direct payments from parents and underwritten with Services and Activities fees. The Center also includes a state-funded, four-year-old classroom (EACAP) which encumbers education, health and nutrition, parent involvement and faculty support. Programs such as the EWU Childcare Center 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 awarded funds?

EWU is in year two of a renegotiated contract. The contract for FY26 is the same as FY25; \$188,000, plus up to \$100,000 of any operating deficit above the \$188,000. The losses in operational costs are documented by the YMCA and presented in the next FY contract cycle requiring us to make up for these losses. Additionally, we have a service agreement for the dishwasher in the amount of \$2700, an agreement with Hainsworth laundry for \$900, postage of \$100, a very minor maintenance budget of \$500

and, supplies for \$500. Our request is based on a zero-based budget request.

Did your dept/prog/unit receive funds in FY25?

Yes

Please submit the total amount received in FY25.

\$192,700

Please describe any changes in the amount requested from the previous year.

None

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 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, outside stakeholders, and the local/regional community?

The EWU Childcare Center supports student employment through hiring a number of students to serve at the center; internships are also offered which supports a history of partnering with the College of Education. YMCA staff manage the center, and they partner with our law enforcement and athletics to work with the children through safety assessments and educational programming for the parents. The YMCA staff also work with ASEWU and the University administration to gather feedback from parents and stakeholders/community, on a regular basis to understand how to improve the services provided.

Do these collaborations include financial contributions? If so, please describe.

The contract to manage the EWU Childcare Center is an external contract agreement between EWU and the YMCA. However, 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.

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, goals, and strategic plan of EWU?

Mission Statement – Eastern Washington University provides an inclusive, equitable, and transformative learning experience, driving the pursuit of knowledge with affordable academic excellence AND Student Success – We embrace all students. Students' needs are complex, and student success requires student engagement and positive outcomes. We are committed to supporting all our students with a focus on creating conditions informed by the needs of our first-generation, low-income, and other structurally marginalized students.

This contract ensures that quality childcare is affordable and accessible to student parent(s) and faculty/staff. As our goal of Student Success states, students' needs are complex, and this program allows students to pursue their education, and it ensures that EWU is providing the space and resources/services needed for student-parents to succeed.

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

Each month, we receive the number of children enrolled in the center, the number of student parents served, and the number of community members served. Feedback is obtained regularly from parents on how the center is performing and what areas of improvement are needed to meet their needs.

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?

The top priority is to cover the base cost of the contract; \$188,000. The remaining expenses, dishwasher maintenance contract – \$2500, supplies and repairs – \$1000, postage – \$100, and laundry services – \$900 are all equally important to maintain the zero-base operating costs to provide these services.

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

The YMCA provides EWU a detailed accounting of its income and expenses to ensure obligations are met per the contract. We partner with ASEWU to remain informed on student feedback concerning operations and needs being successfully met. When the contract is up for renegotiation, our AVP, Annika Scharosch, is the contact for the university. As an attorney well versed in contracting, she works diligently to keep the operating costs at the lowest possible outcome to meet the services we need to support our students.

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

As part of the YMCA Contract Negotiations, the contract outlines that EWU students have first priority for open spots and the fees charged to students are reduced to those "students" defined as an individual who is paying a Service and Activity Fee to EWU.

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.

Any additional information or considerations you would like the S&A Committee to have:

The cost of childcare alone, or access to affordable care, can be the single barrier for students with children in obtaining their degree. In the January 2023 'Issue Brief' published by Women's Bureau U.S. Department of Labor, the following statement was published: "Research shows that mothers living in states with more expensive child care and less generous subsidies and publicly-funded childcare programs are less likely to be employed after having children.(31)"

Coupling the childcare costs with a lack of education/degree increases a student's ability to provide a sustainable living income for the family. The EWU Child Center and support through S&A Funding is combatting this issue, and your provision provides a road to success for our student-parents.

31 Landivar, L.C., Scarborough, W.J., Collins, C., and Ruppner, L. 2022. "Do high childcare costs and low access to Head Start and childcare subsidies limit mothers' employment? A state-level analysis." Social Science Research <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2021.102627>

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.