

Request for Funding – Yamhill County ARPA Funds

From: Northwest Christian Church/ George Fox University / A-dec

Re: Supplemental Request – Child Development Project

Date: 4.20.25

Context:

The Northwest Christian Church, George Fox University, and A-dec are grateful for the support already provided by the Yamhill County Commissioners, including the previously allocated \$500,000. These investments have accelerated our efforts to establish a high-quality, holistic child development center serving families in Newberg and the broader Yamhill County area. Since the initial request by George Fox and A-dec, we have joined with an effort by the Northwest Christian Church, and are now working together to make the Northwest Early Learning Academy (NELA), which will serve 200 children ages 6 weeks through 5 years.

As we approach key implementation milestones, we are requesting an additional **\$102,000** in ARPA to support the facility’s successful opening. This request is responsive to rising operational readiness needs and community demand and reflects both continuity and momentum in our overall project development.

Proposal for Use of Funds:

This funding request covers essential one-time investments needed in the lead-up to opening, regardless of whether the facility is a renovation or new build.

Category	Projected Cost	Notes
Classroom Equipment & Age-Appropriate Furnishings	\$42,000	For early learning classrooms (cribs, mats, child-safe furniture), based on estimates from other regional centers.
Security & Access System	\$18,000	Includes badge access, visitor monitoring, and emergency communication systems.
Indoor Play & Sensory Learning Materials	\$15,000	Includes gross motor skill and sensory equipment for younger children, aligned with Oregon Early Learning standards.
Staff Recruitment & Onboarding	\$12,000	Includes background checks, advertising, and hiring events.
Final Architect/Engineering Costs	\$15,000	Remaining professional service costs as we finalize design compliance for early childhood licensing.

Total: \$102,000

Basis for Estimates:

Estimates were developed in consultation with experienced childcare operators and early learning centers, including Siemens Child Development Center and Little Bird Child Care Centers. Additionally, input was gathered from architects familiar with early learning facilities and Oregon Department of Early Learning licensing staff. Northwest Christian Church will manage the implementation of these expenditures as part of its broader responsibility for facility oversight.

Summary:

This supplemental request of \$102,000 will allow our partnership to finalize key aspects of the Child Development Center and stay on track for a late 2026/early 2027 opening. These investments are essential to ensuring both a safe and enriching environment for children and a sustainable operational foundation for long-term success. We remain deeply appreciative of the County's commitment to families in our region and are eager to continue serving the community through this transformative initiative.

- S. Daley, George Fox University
- J. Beanblossom, A-dec
- F. Reinhardt, Northwest Christian Church

Approved by the Yamhill County Board of
Commissioners on 04/24/2025
via Board Order 25-112.