

**Questions and Answers  
for the  
Request for Proposals**

**Fund Development and Sustainability Planning for Early  
Education Wage Initiative and Child Care Solutions Fund**

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1. It seems that the focus of the Child Care Solutions Fund will include both 1) expanding and extending the impact of the Early Education Wage Initiative AND 2) other fundable projects and investments that can positively impact the system. Will you confirm or clarify?

Response: Yes, the Child Care Solutions Fund should be designed to allow for multiple investment opportunities that can positively impact the system. The Early Education Wage Initiative is one current project that can be used as a model to design the framework for the fund, keeping in mind other potential uses now and in the future.

2. Will contractors be expected to make direct asks of potential funders or is it the expectation that “assisting the NW RCCC in initial outreach to at least three high-potential funding partners” is more of a coaching and supporting role?

Response: Contractors will be expected to serve in a coaching and supporting role to assist the NW RCCC in outreach to at least three high-potential funding partners. Contractors may participate in the initial outreach alongside NW RCCC representatives but contractors will not be expected to independently make fund requests.

3. The RFP does not specify a dollar goal. Is there one?

Response: No, there is no specific dollar goal. Including plans for how to develop a realistic goal would strengthen the proposal.