



## City of Tacoma

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City Council

July 16, 2024

Enterprise Community Partners  
409 Maynard Ave S  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Enterprise Community Partners,

We are writing to express our strong support for the Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center's (Multicultural) application for the Health and Safety Renovation-Early Learning Facilities Grant. As a City Council, we are deeply committed to educational equity and community development in Tacoma and proud to endorse Multicultural's ambitious project.

Multicultural has long been a cornerstone of our community, providing essential childcare services that extend far beyond mere supervision. They are pioneers in delivering state-standard programs like ECEAP and early ECEAP, crucial for the development and well-being of Tacoma's children, particularly those from BIPOC and economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

This project represents a significant investment in Tacoma's future, where it will house 10% of the City's total licensed childcare availability. This is critical, as only 18.87% of the need is met at the district level. By expanding childcare capacity and enhancing safety measures, Multicultural will not only meet critical community needs but also contribute to our city's resilience and growth. Indeed, it takes a village.

With recent investments from multiple levels of government, private sector partnerships, and direct contributions from our community, Multicultural's vision for a modern, safe, and inclusive early learning facility reflects our shared commitment to fostering a thriving and equitable Tacoma. Their project is on the verge of being a reality, put together in a grassroots manner from the bottom up. A grant award from Enterprise Community Partners could make the difference in this project becoming reality.

We urge Enterprise Community Partners to consider Multicultural’s application favorably. Their dedication to community care and educational excellence makes them an ideal candidate for your support. Together, we can ensure that every child in Tacoma has access to the high-quality early learning environment they deserve. Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Thank you,

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