

Regional Policy Committee: BSK Renewal Ballot Measure Ordinance

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 King County

Best Starts for
KIDS



Happy
Healthy
Safe
Thriving



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Communities informed planning for the proposal to renew and expand Best Starts

- In July 2020, *Best Starts* sought community input via a survey on what the public felt had gone well and what modifications they wished to see if the levy were renewed. *Best Starts* received over 180 responses to the survey
- Building off this feedback, *Best Starts* then partnered with community organizations/coalitions and community stakeholder groups from August through November 2020 to hold community listening sessions

600
constituents reached

10
regionally based community organizations or coalitions

5
community stakeholder groups

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – PARTNERS

Community-Based Organizations

Greater Maple Valley
Community Center

North Urban Human
Services Alliance

Federal Way
Black Collective

Eastside Pathways

Southwest Youth
and Family Services
and City of Burien

Issaquah
Nourishing
Network

Vashon Youth &
Family Services

Auburn Family
Providers

Community
Network
Council, Kent

Snoqualmie Valley

Stakeholder Groups

LGBTQ Allyship

Youth Development Executives
of King County (YDECK)

Trauma Informed Restorative
Practices Village

Best Starts for Kids Summit
Listening Sessions (2)

MAINTAINING BSK INTERGENERATIONAL INVESTMENTS

Invest Early - Prenatal to Five

Sustain the Gain – Five to 24

Communities of Opportunity

*Youth and Family Homelessness
Prevention*



BUILDING UPON BSK INTERGENERATIONAL INVESTMENTS

Deepen investments in school age children, youth and young adults

- **Quality Out of School Time programs** including summer programs - focusing on 5-12 year olds
- **School-Based Health Centers** – 4-5 centers in the County that provide social, emotional, mental and physical health supports for young people
- **Transitions to Adulthood** – Increase services for 16-24 that support high school completion, and support for post-secondary education, training and employment while providing age appropriate social and emotional supports



NEW STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS CRITICAL NEED: CHILD CARE

These recent reports examine the local child care crisis and its equity and economic impacts. Each proposes solutions.

All three reports informed the proposal to renew and expand *Best Starts*.

[Equitable and Accessible Child Care in King County: Recommendations from the Children and Families Strategy Task Force](#) (King County Children and Families Strategy Task Force, 2020)

[The Mounting Costs of Child Care: Impacts of Child Care Affordability and Access to Washington's Employers and Economy](#) (Washington Department of Commerce, 2019)

[Supporting King County's Women, Families & Employers: Improving Child Care Access and Affordability Throughout King County](#) (King County Women's Advisory Board)

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Across these local and national analyses of the child care crisis, clear themes emerge



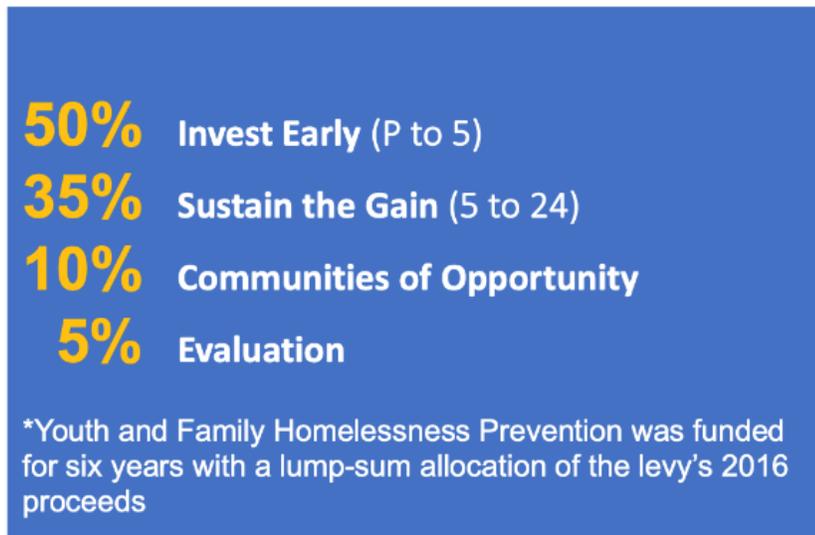
- Child care is a potent contributor to positive early childhood development
- Child care is in high demand, but supply is scarce
- Child care is expensive
- Child care inaccessibility hurts family budgets and the regional economy
- The essential labor of child care workers does not provide livable wages

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- Creates a substantial new child care subsidy program to make child care more affordable for more than 3,000 low-income families
- Establishes a new child care Workforce Demonstration Project to bolster the ability of child care workers to earn a livable wage in King County as they care for the region's children at a critical time in children's lives



Comparing Investment Area Allocations in the Current *Best Starts* vs. Proposed Allocations in Renewed and Expanded *Best Starts*



2021

Best Starts projects expenditures of **\$91.8M** in 2021, and OEFA projects Best Starts 2021 revenue at **\$75M**.

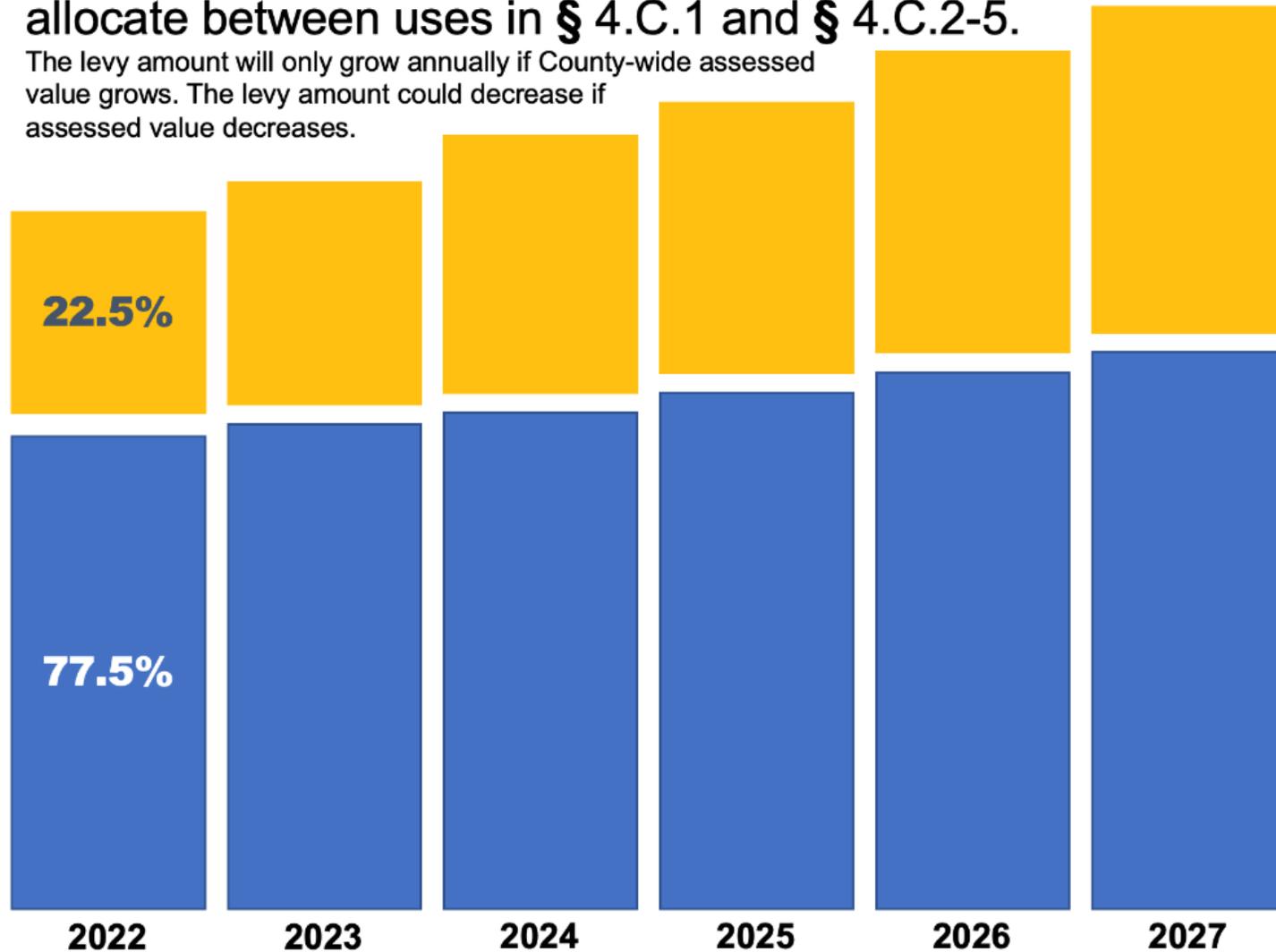


2022

OEFA projects in Aug. 2020 that this proposal to renew *Best Starts* will generate about **\$122M** in 2022.

After 2022, the **Implementation Plan** will annually allocate between uses in § 4.C.1 and § 4.C.2-5.

The levy amount will only grow annually if County-wide assessed value grows. The levy amount could decrease if assessed value decreases.



\$235M
The six-year sum of allocations for Homelessness Prevention (\$3.75M/yr), Child Care (variable/yr), and TA/CB (\$1M/yr) must total \$235M. The required Implementation Plan would propose specific amounts in each year.

Each year, the levy proceeds remaining after setting aside funds for Homelessness Prevention, Child Care, and TA/CB would be allocated at the same set percentages:

- 50%** P to 5
- 37%** 5 to 24
- 8%** to COO
- 5%** to Evaluation

→ QUESTIONS?

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