



STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families contemplates awarding a sole source contract to provide to allow Within Reach, the Help Me Grow Statewide Affiliate, the capacity to provide consultation to the State (DCYF) in the planning and development of a specialized referral pathway designed for childcare providers serving marginalized infants and toddlers to offer families a tailored bundle of wrap-around supports, including a tiered support approach for developmental screening.

Within Reach is the statewide affiliate with National Help Me Grow and has been since 2010. As such, they are the only Washington organization that is contracted with the national offices that certify and ensure fidelity to the Help Me Grow model and the only entity in Washington State that can lead this work to help Washington grow an interconnected statewide and local system of early childhood resource and referral.

The services and infrastructure offered by Help Me Grow WA directly align with the desired elements of a specialized referral pathway for child care providers, including connections to child developmental screening and follow-up resources and supports. This existing capacity and service delivery in developmental screening and wrap-around supports, paired with deep expertise in developing specialized referral pathways in the early childhood system is unique to Help Me Grow Washington.

The contract will be issued on or about December 6, 2023. The dollar value is estimated at \$535,000 for work required during the period ending June 30, 2024. The term of this contract may be extended by four (4) additional one (1) year term, at the sole option of DCYF.

Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state's requirements by November 29, 2023. The following information should be included in the capability statements:

- How your organization is affiliated with National Help Me Grow.
- Provide detailed information about your organization's history with providing consultation with National Help Me Grow and Help Me Grow in Washington state.

In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the state's intent to make a sole source award of the Contract.

To submit capability statements or for questions, contact:

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