



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES**

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families contemplates awarding a sole source contract to First Five Fundamentals.

Over the last three years, through the funding of the federal Preschool Development Grant (PDG), DCYF has worked alongside First Five Fundamentals and Washington Communities for (WCFC) in order to build capacity for regional coalitions statewide. WCFC is an essential piece of the early learning system in Washington to ensure policies and programs are responsive to actual needs that are known to families and communities across the state. WCFC brings together critical community resources, regional expertise, and robust cross-sector relationships to improve systems and achieve measurable results. The intent of this contract is to support the capacity and infrastructure of WCFC. This contract allows WCFC to continue their partnership with DCYF through the final year of PDG funding from our federal partners.

The contract will be issued on or about 1/21/2022. The dollar value is estimated at \$500,000 for work required during the period ending 12/30/2022. At the sole discretion of DCYF, this contract may be extended for an additional five one-year terms or through 12/30/2027, if funding is available.

Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state's requirements by 1/13/2022. The following information should be included in the capability statements:

- Ability to build capacity utilizing relationships and connections with over 750+ entities across the state including but not limited to; early learning providers, social service agencies, early intervention services, child welfare organizations, libraries, juvenile courts, school districts, public health agencies, higher education, families.
- Ability to bridge communication across our complex Early Learning networks statewide.

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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