

ECE Bucks Activity

ECE Bucks Activity: How would you spend the ECE funds?

We would like to learn more about your ECE priorities and to get your help to determine how the City should spend the estimated \$121 million annually from Prop C funds. Please review the four ECE priorities listed below, then place your \$120 in ECE Bucks in the five categories described below. You can choose to spend all of your "ECE Bucks" in one funding area or you can spread out your money across the categories based on your priorities.

Key Priorities



Subsidies for low-income families

Today, there are approximately 3,000 children from low-income families on a waitlist for state or federal financial assistance for early care and education. (As an example, 'low-income' is defined as \$76,596 or less annually for a family of four.) Should San Francisco prioritize local funding to provide financial assistance for early care and education for these low-income families?



Financial assistance to middle-income families

The average cost of infant and toddler care and education in San Francisco is \$26,034 per year, more than double the cost of tuition at SF State University. Should San Francisco prioritize local funding to assist moderate-income working families who aren't otherwise eligible for financial assistance, but who struggle to afford quality infant and toddler care? (As an example, 'moderate-income' is defined as \$76,597 - \$236,800 annually for a family of four.)



Increase pay for ECE professionals

San Francisco is experiencing a shortage of early care and education and preschool professionals, and a major factor is low wages. The average early care and education professional earns \$19 per hour or about \$40,000 per year. Should San Francisco prioritize local funding to increase the pay of early care and education professionals working with young children in SF?



Increase other services for children birth to age 5

Should San Francisco prioritize local funding to increase other services to support the physical, emotional and cognitive development of children from birth through five? Please specify which services.



Other

Please describe any additional ECE priorities that you have.

ECE Experience: Discussion Questions

1. What are your current ECE needs and challenges?
2. What would make your ECE experience better?
3. Moving forward, how do you want to be engaged? What is the best way to connect with you?