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**Sunderland Foundation Grants Innovative Services NW \$40,000 for Early Learning  
Expansion Project**

VANCOUVER, WA—[The Sunderland Foundation](#) has granted Innovative Services NW \$40,000 to aid in the Early Learning Expansion Project.

“We are so thankful for the funds and support received from the Sunderland Foundation to increase capacity in our Early Learning facilities,” said Innovative Services NW CEO Dena Strong.

By supporting construction and special interest projects that allow nonprofits to fulfill their missions, the Sunderland Foundation fosters a stronger, safer and more vibrant future for the communities they serve.

The Early Learning program at Innovative Services NW serves approximately 128 children and their families per year in Clark County and surrounding areas. Over 400 meals are prepared weekly in the Helping Hands kitchen.

The Expansion Project is slated to begin in May 2022 and will add an additional classroom to the current eight classrooms and increase kitchen capacity. The expansion will serve the growing needs of families seeking quality early childhood education services in Clark County.

The Early Learning program at Innovative Services NW includes the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) which offers free preschool for income-eligible children with risk factors such as family violence, homelessness, chemical dependency, CPS involvement, incarcerated parents, disabilities or foster care. ECEAP also includes family support and parents involvement, child health coordination and nutrition and other services responsive to each child’s family heritage and experience.

If you or your business is interested in becoming a donor for Innovative Services NW, contact Melissa Ruth, Chief Strategy Officer, at [mruth@innovativeservicesnw.org](mailto:mruth@innovativeservicesnw.org).

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