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Cowlitz Tribe Grants Innovative Services NW \$75,000 for Early Learning Expansion Project

VANCOUVER, WA—The Cowlitz Tribe has granted Innovative Services NW \$75,000 to aid in the Early Learning Expansion Project.

“We are so thankful for the continued relationship with the Cowlitz Tribe and the support we have received throughout the lifetime of our organization,” said Innovative Services NW CEO Dena Strong.

Innovative Services NW moved into the Mary Firstenburg Family Center in June 2008, which was the result of a successful five-year capital campaign. The 36,000 square foot facility enables all programs of Innovative Services NW to be housed in one building, which was specifically designed for use by each major program area with room for growth.

“Helping aid early learning for children is the one of the brightest spots of our lives and is an area of our support that makes the Cowlitz Indian Tribe most grateful to be able to provide. Our children are our future, and the Tribe is committed to giving back in ways to build upon that future for all Clark County residents and their families” said Cowlitz Indian Tribe Chairman, Dave Barnett.

Innovative Services NW Early Learning Program 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.

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