



**A Summary of One Time Funding Grants from the Ministry of Children and Family Development and Ministry of Education
2006/2007**

In the past few months the BC Government has announced a number of one-time-only funding grants to child and family serving agencies, professional associations and other organizations.

As of March 31, 2007 the BC Government states it will have spent \$86M in one-time-only early learning and child care related expenditures. These funds come from the now cancelled Early Learning and Child Care Bi-lateral Agreement that the BC Government stated had to be spent by the end of the last fiscal year. While some formal announcements have been made much of the funding for a number of these one-time-only grants have yet to be publicly reported

First Call is aware that many sectors in this field are struggling to provide quality early learning and child care programs for children and families in their communities and that new initiatives can have real value. However, research and community consultations tell us, that the province needs to prioritize increased and ongoing investments to sustain existing services given their fragility and fragmentation. In the child care field, one-time-only grants only provide short term solutions without addressing the crucial need to reduce parent fees, enhance quality through sustained, affordable training and improved compensation, and increase the number of affordable child care spaces.

The following information is First Call’s current information on the use of these one-time-only dollars.

Amount	Program/Service	Use	Date of funding
\$800,000	Seeds of Empathy	To implement new program in ECE Centres.	May 2007
1. \$1M 2. \$750,000	Association of Family Resource Programs	1. To build partnerships and support rural FRP’s. 2. To develop a professional education program for staff.	May 2007

1. \$1.5M 2. \$2M	ECEBC	1. To establish bursary fund for EC Educators 2. To support professional development. & training opportunities for EC Educators	Announced May 24, 2007
Total \$270,000	BC Aboriginal Child Care Society	\$45,000: To develop an inventory of intervention programs and services. \$50,000: To address recruitment and retention in Aboriginal ECE \$100,000: To expand programs to enhance the development of culturally appropriate services. \$75,000: To update ACCS Resource & Training Kit.	March/April 2007
\$300,000	Western Canada Family Daycare Association	To provide professional development and training supports for Family Child Care Providers	Announced May 24, 2007
\$250,000	BC Automobile Association Traffic Safety Foundation	To create awareness and increase booster seat use for children 5-9 years old	May 15, 2007 (Funding provided by MCFD and Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General)

\$660,000	Beacon Support Services	To support U Vic. In providing professional development and training for EC Educators.	Announced May 24, 2007
\$12,000	Kwantlen University College: Faculty of Community & Health Studies	To provide EC Educators with new research and teaching methods to promote literacy.	Announced May 24, 2007
\$100,000	First Nations Education Steering Committee	To deliver speech/language assistant training with an Aboriginal focus. To partner with BCACCS on 'Moe the Mouse' language program.	Fiscal 2006/2007
\$20M	Child Care Centres that receive Child Care Operating Funding (CCOF)	CCOF funded child care providers for quality improvement, investments in professional development, minor capital improvements, equipment and supplies.	March 2007
\$20M	BC Council for families		Announced in Legislature June 1, 2007
\$460,000	BC Council for families	\$100,000: Home Visiting Training to maintain best practice \$110,000: For revitalization & growth of Nobody's Perfect Parenting Program.	

		\$250,000: To fund resources & promote the development of a cross-ministry provincial parenting education & support strategy for the BC Centre for Parenting Education & Support.	
\$2.5M	Neighbourhood hubs	Funding to 22 agencies in the 5 Health Regions	April 2007
\$30,000	Ladysmith Family and Friends Society	To enable LAFF to maintain a paid coordinator and recruit another staff member to support playgroup program.	July 2007
\$2.5M	MOU signed between BC Housing and MCFD	To provide child care spaces in 3 subsidized housing developments	July 2007

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Amount	Program/service	Use	Date of funding
\$12M	BC School Trustees Association	Early Learning Grants to school districts for the purpose of enhancing early learning	Jan 2007
\$500,000	Consortium of U.Vic, Northern Lights College & Selkirk College	To develop training materials to introduce the Ministry of Ed. "Early Learning Framework" to practicing BC Early Childhood Educators	RFP closed March 9, 2007

\$5M	StrongStart Centres	Play-based, parent-child drop-in early learning programs, facilitated by Early Childhood Educators.	Dec 2006
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Total: \$70,632,000

Dated May 30, 2007

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