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REPORT FOR ACTION

Amendment to Blanket Contract 47025022 with Wintergreen Learning Materials for the supply and delivery of Children's Furniture, Toys and Manipulatives for various Children's Services locations

Date: May 19, 2026
To: General Government Committee
From: General Manager, Children's Services and Chief Procurement Officer
Wards: All

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request authority to amend Blanket Contract 47025022 issued to Wintergreen Learning Materials for goods and services awarded through Ariba Document Number 38779550297 for the supply and delivery of Children's Furniture, Toys and Manipulatives for various Children's Services locations.

The total value of the requested amendment for Blanket Contract 47025022 is $900,000 net of all applicable taxes and charges. ($915,840 net of HST recoveries), revising the current value of Contract 47025022 from $5,600,000 net of all applicable taxes and charges ($5,698,560 net of HST recoveries) to $6,500,000 net of all applicable taxes and charges ($6,614,400 net of HST recoveries).

This amendment is required due to the availability of Provincial Professional Learning Funding in the amount of $4.18M that was not known at the time of the sourcing request. The $900,000 amendment requested, reflects the portion of the $4.18M Provincial Learning Funding that will be directed through this contract, with the remaining funds to be allocated to other initiatives.

A significant part of the funding is used to purchase resource kits for all licensed childcare programs and EarlyON programs. These expenditures fall within the existing scope and intent of the Wintergreen contract and do not represent new or expanded work.

The funds support inclusive early learning environments with a focus on Indigenous ways of being and knowing, culturally affirming and anti-bias, anti-racist (including

Confronting Anti-Black Racism) practices, and supports for 2SLGBTQ+ children and families. These priorities are consistent with current divisional and corporate priorities.

An amendment to the blanket contract is required solely to increase the contract value to allow for the expenditure of the additional professional learning funds. There are no changes to the nature of the services, deliverables, or contractual terms.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager Children's Services and the Chief Procurement Officer recommend that:

The General Government Committee, in accordance with section 71-11.1C of the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 71 (Financial Control By-law), grant authority to the General Manager, Children's Services to amend Blanket Contract 47025022 issued to Wintergreen Learning Materials for additional goods and services by increasing the overall value by $900,000 net of all applicable taxes and charges. ($915,840 net of HST recoveries), revising the current value of Contract 47025022 from $5,600,000 net of all applicable taxes and charges ($5,698,560 net of HST recoveries) to $6,500,000 net of all applicable taxes and charges ($6,614,400 net of HST recoveries).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total value of the requested amendment for Contract 47025022 is $900,000 net of all applicable taxes and charges ($915,840 net of HST recoveries). Funding is available in the 2026 Operating Budget for Children's Services. Funding details are summarized in Table 1 below.

Table 1 - Financial Impact Summary (net of HST recoveries)

Children's Services Cost Centre: EP0704 Cost Elements: 5020023 Functional Area Code: 1320000000	**Total Amendment Value**
June 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026	$915,840
Total	**$915,840**

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on May 24, 2023, the Bid Award Panel adopted Item Number BA28.7, authorizing the award of Kinetic GPO Request for Standing Offers (RFSO) Number 22-02 to Wintergreen Learning Materials Ltd. for the supply and delivery of Children's Furniture, Toys and Manipulatives, in the amount of $2,800,000 net of all applicable taxes and charges ($2,849,280 net of HST recoveries). The Bid Award Panel decision can be found at:
https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.BA28.7

On May 29, 2025 an amendment was approved to increase the target value of the Contract by $2,800,000.00 from $2,800,000.00 to $5,600,000.00 net of all taxes and charges and to extend the validity end date from April 30, 2025, to April 30, 2027, exercising the first option year renewal. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

COMMENTS

The Ontario Child Care and Early Years Funding Guidelines for Consolidated Municipal Service Managers and District Social Services Administration Boards states: Local priorities funding is to be used by Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs) and District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs) for the following:

- Wage Enhancement/Home Child Care Enhancement Grant;
- Workforce Compensation;
- Professional Learning;
- Small Water Works;
- Territory without Municipal Organization; and
- Flexibility Funding (includes general operating expense, fee subsidy, special needs resourcing, and capacity building, among others).

To be eligible for direct Local Priorities funding set out in this guideline, licensed centres/agencies must be enrolled in Canada Wide Early Learning Child Care (CWELCC) or exclusively serve children aged 6 to 12.

Licensed centres/agencies serving children aged 0 to 5 and not enrolled in the CWELCC system are not eligible for direct Local Priorities funding, with the exception of existing fee subsidy agreements.

Existing fee subsidy agreements with non-CWELCC-enrolled centres/agencies serving children aged 0 to 5 may continue to be funded until the benefitting child ages-out of the program or leaves the licensee.

For clarity, local priorities funding may be used to support initiatives that do not involve direct funding to ineligible licensed centres/agencies, but that may provide indirect

benefit to ineligible centres/agencies (for example, special needs resourcing or capacity building consultation or training opportunities).

The ministry is to provide funding to support professional learning to improve recruitment and retention of the Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE) workforce and other program staff, and to support the implementation of the CWELCC Agreement. This funding supports professional learning opportunities that build capacity of the early years and child care sector to support the provision of high-quality programs that align with How Does Learning Happen? Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years.

Access to continuous professional learning opportunities can support higher levels of staff engagement, growth, recognition, professional efficacy and satisfaction. Current professional learning supports include mental health information for the child care and early years workforce which promotes more meaningful relationships, enriched experiences and a greater sense of well-being for children, educators and families.

CMSMs/DSSABs must cover the expenses incurred by eligible recipients, including:

- Release time/supply staff to support the participation of eligible staff in the professional learning day or mentorship programs;
- Wages and benefits for additional hours worked to participate in the professional learning day (such as evening or weekend professional learning session);
- Costs associated with waiving parent fees on the professional learning day;
- Costs associated with the development and implementation of professional learning resources and mentorship programs;
- Travel costs (in accordance with the Ontario Public Service Travel Directive) to support attendance at professional learning opportunities (municipal policies pertaining to travel and accommodation may also apply if CMSMs/DSSABs choose to support expense claims above the thresholds set out in the Directive); and
- Costs associated with hiring non-profit organizations or post-secondary institutions to develop or deliver early years professional learning for eligible staff.

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