Executive Summary (1600 character limit, approx. 250 words or less)

The Childcare Assistance Program (CCAP) is a financial need-based program that will support University of Washington Bothell (UWB) students with high cost childcare in the state of Washington. The program will increase the possibilities of a higher education to non-traditional students who have different needs and priorities. By providing a childcare assistance program, SAF will increase growth, resourcefulness, diversity, student centeredness, community, innovation, sustainability and programs held in the UW Bothell. The program reflects the 21st Century initiative and Student Activities bylaws. After last year’s SAF request, UWB SAF was able to grant $130,000 for the continuation of the CCAP program. The program continues to grow and provide opportunity for UWB parenting students; we were able to see and implement necessary alterations as needed. This includes providing more aid per student, providing aid for multiple children in a family, as well as providing summer aid. The Childcare Assistance program is the perfect initiative for SAF to incorporate. This initiative is in accordance with the SAF bylaws section 5 number 6 which states that we can request funds specifically for “cost of childcare for children of currently enrolled UW Bothell students who are participating in UW Bothell with the high cost childcare.” This financial need-based program will support diversity, student centeredness, community, innovation and sustainability at the UWB campus.

Need for Program (1600 character limit, approx. 250 words or less)

"Funding for the 2022-2023 school year of $130,000 has provided assistance to 27 students and 40 children, and that number continues to grow. In addition, the amount awarded per student is still a small fraction of the total cost of care for their dependents. For many students, any significant contribution in child care assistance can mean a difference between attending UW Bothell or not. Many students must choose between attending full time and receiving financial assistance for UWB tuition or attending part-time at the cost of financial benefits due to lack of childcare. The impact of the pandemic has greatly increased the need for affordable childcare, and current staffing crises have made available slots for childcare even more scarce. Parents are being asked to not only do their work, schoolwork, and parenting duties, but also be available to provide childcare. Childcare availability will help parents to successfully complete their schoolwork and meet school deadlines.

In addition to CCAP, UWB’s Parenting Student Resources has now developed a basic needs pantry on campus. Fifteen families have been served and a mobile app is currently in development in order to reach more parenting students. Parenting students can also connect with staff via appointments that can be scheduled in Navigate, and there is currently a multi-campus survey being implemented to learn more about our parenting student population.
All of these improvements have led to the growth of our parenting student support options, and the CCAP program will continue to be a core part of our resources."

Is this a new request? No

What on your request is new or has changed?

We are seeking additional money to serve more students.

Strategic Plan (1000 character limit, approx. 150 words or less)

The largest area where there is room for growth in this program is being able to enroll more students and provide larger awards. The more money available, the more students can access funding for childcare. Students who have access to childcare funding are more likely to be able to stay enrolled in school and graduate with a higher GPA. For many parents, it is almost impossible to complete school related work while assuming all childcare responsibilities, and in many cases needing to take on the role of educator for their children. Availability of childcare funds helps parenting students utilize childcare facilities and ease their burden of providing care. Parenting students can use their time to concentrate more on their studies while their children are taken care of. Childcare funds will surely support parenting students at difficult times.

Assessment (1600 character limit, approx. 250 words or less)

"The entire student body benefits from this program and UW Bothell is seen as a more equitable and accessible school due to its financial support of parenting students through CCAP. Parenting students contribute invaluable work ethic, life experience and perspective in the classroom. When parenting students succeed, we succeed as a community. We set up future generations for success by providing assistance for their early childcare and development programs.

UW Bothell currently has over 100 students who identify as student parents, and more come forward looking for support every quarter. These students are often first-generation, BIPOC, or pell-eligible students.

According to UWB Financial Aid office, during 2021-2022, we awarded 100% of our $120,000 budget. For the 2022-2023 academic year we have already awarded $84,000 of the $130,000 budget with the remaining funds to be distributed in Spring quarter.
The continuation of this program will contribute to UW’s student retention and to the UWB intellectual community broadly. The campus has shown its commitment to parenting students through the hire of Christina Hughes in 2022 to manage the Parenting Student Resources Program. Since that time the program has grown in size and in the number of resources available, showing UWB’s ongoing commitment to supporting these diverse students. We have also partnered with colleagues across the tri-campus and have just launched a survey to parenting students to better understand their needs and the impact of this funding.

Total Amount (please note the total dollar value)
$150,000

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