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Dear Partner,

DELC is committed to ensuring that our grant and contract partners have the resources you need for the vital work you do across Oregon communities. This means we strive to issue new contracts for the biennium by July 1, so that you can plan your activities for the coming year. However, the state's legislative budget process often delays final budget reconciliation until late summer or early fall. In odd-numbered years, the Legislature typically passes the budget in June followed by the Governor signing – usually in July. Only after that can agencies begin the detailed reconciliation process to ensure all accounts align with the final appropriations. As a result, agencies don't have a full accounting of our final budget until late summer or early fall.

For that reason, the funding amounts in July 1 agreements are based on a "current funding level" formula that serves as a placeholder. These may not reflect final available funding. For continuation grants, we extend funding at the same level as the previous biennium – consistent with our approach for the 2023-25 biennium and future biennia. As a reminder, we have to have a signed agreement with you, as a grantee or contractor, to be able to provide you any funding.

Once reconciliation is complete and accounts are established in the Awards Management System, we may need to amend agreements to reflect final funding levels or other adjustments (such as inflation rates). These changes could increase or decrease the amount specified in your original July 1 agreement. While we aim to avoid reductions, they depend on how the legislature appropriates funding to DELC.

DELC will conclude our budget reconciliation and send an update on the 2025-27 agreement process, including any required amendments, **by September 30, 2025**. If your agreement needs amending, we will describe the next steps and timelines for this process.

We greatly appreciate the important work that you do to support Oregon's early learning system and the children, families and child care providers who are a part of it. If you have any questions, please reach out to your DELC administrator identified in your agreement.

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*The Mission of the Department of Early Learning and Care fosters coordinated, culturally appropriate, and family-centered services that recognize and respect the strengths and needs of all children, families, and early learning and care professionals. **Our Vision** is that all children, families, early care and education professionals, and communities are supported and empowered to thrive.*