# Mayor Suzanne LaFrance • November 19, 2024 Municipality of Anchorage 2025 Budget: Anchorage Child Care and Early Education Fund

## ACCEE Fund 2025 Budget Goals:

Increase access to quality, affordable child care and early education by . . .

- Stabilizing the sector;
- Supporting the workforce; and
- Innovating!









## **2025 ACCEE INVESTMENTS**

Revenue from the Marijuana Sales Tax goes to the Anchorage Childcare and Early Education Fund. 2025 is the first year this fund will be deployed. The budget includes:

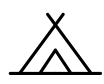
- 1. Childcare sector stimulus payments: \$2,400,000
- Direct financial assistance to childcare providers to support operational costs and stabilize the sector.
- 2. Early educator childcare subsidies: \$1,250,000
- Program to support the cost of childcare for early educators. This is a pilot program with funding distributed beginning in summer of 2025.
- **3. Child care sector pilot projects:** \$2,000,000
- Flexible financial assistance to drive innovation, increase access to childcare, and bring further investment to the sector.
- **4. Early education grants to providers:** \$2,000,000 (S Version)
- Funding to support pre-K and supporting programs in Title 1 schools.

## Mayor Suzanne LaFrance • November 19, 2024 Municipality of Anchorage 2025 Budget: Alcohol Tax Fund

#### Alcohol Tax Fund 2025 Budget Goals:

- Address the immediate challenges the Municipality faces, including homelessness and public safety.
- Invest in prevention and long-term solutions so more people in Anchorage are safe and healthy, and fewer people require crisis intervention.





\*Note: The Anchorage Safety Patrol is fully funded in the General Government Operating Budget. In 2025, this critical service, which responds to people who are inebriated or in need of assistance, will shift from the Anchorage Health Department to the Anchorage Fire Department to align crisis response.

## **2025 Alcohol Tax Investments**

- 1. Addressing Child Abuse, Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence
- Invest in providers with evidence-based grants.
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- **Prevent and respond** to domestic violence and sexual assault through direct grants.
- Support literacy and after-school programs with direct grants.

#### 2. First Responders\*

- Expand Mobile Crisis Team to 24/7 service.
- Fund key public safety positions at the Anchorage Police Department and in the wMunicipal Attorney's Office.
- 3. Addressing Homelessness
- Establish a Unified Funding Proposal to support community partners who prevent and respond to homelessness, including Catholic Social Services Complex Care, Christian Health Associates, Brother Francis Shelter, Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness, and Covenant House.
- **Stand up winter shelter** including noncongregate beds.
- Enhance camp Abatement and cleanup through increased funding for the Healthy Spaces team.
- Create position to guarantee quality service for Alcohol Tax fund use through the Anchorage Health Department.