



# Washington Office of Superintendent of **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

## Cispus Learning Center/Student Leadership Programs

### 1. **Purpose:**

The purpose of these funds is to:

- Continue student outdoor education services at the Cispus Learning Center
  - The Cispus Learning Center furnishes functional, esthetically sound facilities and curricular resources for supporting outdoor education and leadership training to young people. In addition, Cispus provides facilities and outdoor education learning opportunities to various adult and student groups.
- Continue services for student leadership programs in Washington state, as supported by the Association of Washington Student Leaders (AWSL).
  - AWSL provides high-quality student leadership opportunities to students and schools in Washington and is a national leader in leadership programs and curriculum. Through various training opportunities and programs, they strive to improve schools by strengthening the belief that all students can lead. AWSL programs and initiatives serve building leaders (students, adults, and administration) to create strong schools, strong leaders, and strong students.

### 2. **Description of services provided:**

These funds were used to update capital projects for sustainability as well as an outdoor venue at Cispus to accommodate groups while adhering to COVID-19 restrictions. Projects included updating, improving, and replacing outdated facilities so that the center can be viable for now and for many years to come.

AWSL services were able to be continued for the State Board of Education, statewide webinars, outreach events, and sharing and developing resources for schools across the state.

### 3. **Criteria for receiving services and/or grants:**

The funds were provided to serve all Washington schools. All schools are eligible for Cispus and for AWSL services. Every school that reached out to WSPEF was served.

**Beneficiaries in 2020-21 School Year:**

**Number of School Districts:** Cispus: 8/ AWSL: 52  
**Number of Schools:** Cispus: 12/ AWSL: 125+  
**Number of Students:** Cispus: 1,000 / AWSL: 10,000+  
**Number of Educators:** Cispus: 30+ / AWSL: 150+  
**Other:** Tribal and home school programs Cispus: Nisqually & Puyallup Tribes, 50+ students & adults for home school program

**Number of OSPI staff associated with this funding (FTEs):** 0.0 FTE  
**Number of contractors/other staff associated with this funding:** 0.0

**FY21 Funding: State Appropriation:** \$878,000  
**Federal Appropriation:** \$0  
**Other fund sources:** \$0  
**TOTAL (FY21)** \$878,000

4. **Are federal or other funds contingent on state funding?**

- No  
 Yes, please explain.  
*If state funds are not available, the state will not be eligible...*

5. **State funding history:**

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
FY21	\$878,000	878,000

6. **Number of beneficiaries (e.g., school districts, schools, students, educators, other) history:**

Fiscal Year	Number of School Districts	Number of Schools	Number of Students	Number of Educators	Number of Other
FY21	Cispus: 8/ AWSL: 52	Cispus: 12/ AWSL: 125+	Cispus: 1,000 / AWSL: 10,000+	Cispus: 30+ / AWSL: 150+	Cispus: Nisqually & Puyallup Tribes, 50+ students & adults for home school program

7. **Programmatic changes since inception (if any):**

This is the first year these funds were available.

8. **Evaluations of program/major findings:**

WSPEF was able to address Cispus capital projects and update infrastructures that date back to the original creation of the Job Corp site in the 1960's. WSPEF was able to accomplish many of the needed updates, improvements, and replacements needed for future capacity.

AWSL was able to host many opportunities for school to dive into their CCDEI work as well as redesign their systems to better serve students, such as revising constitutions, creating additional opportunities for students to lead, reimaging recess program development, and improving bilingual programs. Student voice group membership increased 200% in 20-21 (Student Voice & Advocacy as well as the Student Equity Cohort) Students presented and attended over 12 times this year in a variety of venues from conferences to workshops to committees.

9. **Major challenges faced by the program:**

Cispus only had limited revenue/income for over 18 months during the COVID shutdown.

Currently, Cispus is unable to host overnight groups, but day groups are attending.

Still need significant updates and improvements to infrastructure such as septic, water, and power systems.

10. **Future opportunities:**

Completing rock wall programs and traveling on-site supports for schools through grants. Continuing to develop and implement Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (J.E.D.I.) initiatives in strategic plan focus.

11. **Statutory and/or budget language:**

ESSB 5092 Sec. 1518 (31) \$878,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2021 is provided solely for the Washington school principals' education foundation to continue student outdoor education services. Within the amounts provided in this subsection (31): (a) \$512,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2021 is provided solely for the Cispus Learning Center to continue services to provide outdoor education to the students of Washington state. (b) \$366,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2021 is provided solely for the associate of Washington student leaders to continue services for student leadership programs within Washington state.

12. **Other relevant information:**

These funds created increased opportunities for students to both develop and display their leadership skills. An important skill for future success in career, college, life, and civic engagement.

13. **Schools/districts receiving assistance:**

See [OSPI's Grantee List](#).

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