



Washington Office of Superintendent of **PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

Fort Worden State Park (Centrum)

1. **Purpose:**

The purpose of the contract with Centrum (an organization co-founded by OSPI in 1974) is to develop, implement, and administer the statewide Young Artists Project program. Centrum programs serve students in 77% of the counties in Washington. This program provides opportunities in the arts and sciences for students in grades 5–12, and for educators who serve these students.

2. **Description of services provided:**

Centrum shall develop, implement, and administer the Young Artists Project program to provide opportunities in creativity for highly capable Washington students, and for educators who serve those students.

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

Develop and provide a series of intensive programs for 5–12 grade students, focusing on developing creative skills. Specific programs are as follows:

1. One (1) genre specific workshop for high school students, four (4) to six (6) days in length.
2. One (1) residential workshop for elementary school students in grades five (5) and six (6) and their teachers, integrating marine science, the arts, and creative problem solving. Workshop shall be five (5) days in length.
3. One (1) residential workshop for middle school students in grades seven (7) and eight (8) and their teachers, integrating writing, visual arts, theater, and dance/movement. Workshop shall be five (5) days in length.

Beneficiaries in 2021-22 School Year:

Number of School Districts:	26
Number of Schools:	30
Number of Students:	319
Number of Educators:	27
Other:	N/A

Number of OSPI staff associated with this funding (FTEs): 0

Number of contractors/other staff associated with this funding: 0

FY22 Funding: State Appropriation: \$85,000
Federal Appropriation: 0
Other Fund Sources: 0
TOTAL (FY22) \$85,000

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

No

5. State funding history:

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
2022	\$85,000	\$85,000
2021	\$85,000	\$85,000
2020	\$85,000	\$85,000
2019	\$85,000	\$85,000
2018	\$85,000	\$81,250

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

Fiscal Year	Number of Schools
2022	16
2021	19
2020	49
2019	57

7. Programmatic changes since inception (if any):

None. The focus of the program to provide arts education opportunities has not changed for the past 36 years.

8. Evaluations of program/major findings:

The program is fiscally reviewed monthly and through a final review annually. There have been no findings.

9. Major challenges faced by the program:

Major challenges include continuation of the program and funding. The FY 2012–13 allocation was reduced to \$85,000 due to the state’s budget shortfall and continued at this rate through FY 2022. Districts are challenged to send students to a Centrum class for a week due to loss of classroom instructional time.

10. Future opportunities:

Centrum has agreed to present an immersive week of arts education—in partnership with OSPI—for Washington state students living in foster care, at its Fort Worden campus. This was scheduled for 2022 but deferred to 2023 due to a change in OSPI’s leadership in its Foster Care division in 2022. Additionally, Centrum will assist with a livestream broadcast of the 2023 state High School Art Show, curated by OSPI, in Seattle, and will mount a traveling exhibition of the show at Fort Worden State Park for public viewing in July and August 2023.

11. Statutory and/or budget language:

\$85,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2022 and \$85,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for the centrum program at Fort Worden state park.

12. Other relevant information:

Centrum was founded, in part, in 1974 by OSPI, Arts WA, and the Washington State Parks Commission to deliver lifelong programming in the arts at Fort Worden State Park.

13. Schools/districts receiving assistance:

See [OSPI’s grantee list](#).

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