



Tacoma Maritime Career Coursework

1. **Purpose:**

Funding was provided for Tacoma School District to conduct a feasibility study to support the district's efforts to establish a Skill Center focused on maritime related industries. Funding supported needed partnerships to engage with community experts in the maritime area to inform the establishment of relevant CTE programming.

2. **Description of services provided:**

OSPI issued a directed grant to Tacoma Public Schools for the district to pursue a feasibility study for a new Skill Center. Tacoma Public Schools utilized the grant funds to support staffing costs (1.7 FTE) to conduct outreach and collaboration.

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

Funding was provided to Tacoma School District to identify specific career-relevant coursework and facility needs for the development of a comprehensive maritime-focused career and technical education program in the south Puget Sound area. Funding was required to be used by the district to engage with the maritime industry in and around the Port of Tacoma to conduct a workforce training gap analysis, and to collaborate with the required partners including OSPI, State Board of Education (SBE), Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTB) to explore curriculum and ultimately to complete a feasibility study for the purpose of establishing a new skill center.

Beneficiaries in the 2022-23 School Year:

Number of School Districts:	1
Number of Schools:	N/A
Number of Students:	N/A
Number of Educators:	N/A
Other:	N/A

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

No



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5. State funding history:

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
2023	\$250,000	\$250,000

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

Fiscal Year	Number of Districts
FY 23	1

7. Programmatic changes since inception (if any):

This funding was provided on a one-time basis and was directed to Tacoma Public Schools for the directed purpose of exploring a comprehensive maritime focused educational program.

8. Program evaluation or evaluation of major findings:

Tacoma Public Schools identified the funding to be intended for salary and benefits for the CTE Project Manager at 1.0 FTE and the Director of Innovative Learning & CTE at 0.7 FTE from 9/1/22 to 6/30/23, for a total of \$232,500, the remaining funding was identified as indirect charging from the district.

9. Major challenges faced by the program:

Tacoma Public Schools reviewed options to determine if operating as a branch campus focused on maritime education in collaboration with Pierce County Skill Center or establishing as a new Core Campus would be the best path forward. Tacoma Public Schools worked with OSPI to meet the criteria of the Skill Center application form.

10. Future opportunities:

Creating a grant funding program for Skill Center feasibility studies would support the multiple school districts interested in expanding rural satellite, satellite, branch, and core skill center campuses in a systemic way.

11. Statutory and/or budget language:

\$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 is provided solely for the Tacoma school district to identify specific career-relevant coursework and facility needs for the development of a comprehensive maritime-focused career and technical education program in the south Puget Sound area. Funding must be used by the district to engage with the maritime industry in and around the port of Tacoma to conduct a workforce training



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gap analysis. The district must also coordinate with the office, the state board of education, and the workforce training board to create the relevant curriculum and identify facility needs to establish a new marine trades program.

12. Other relevant information:

The legislature provided additional funding in FY 24 to support progress for a maritime focused CTE program based in Tacoma. Tacoma Public Schools has submitted the necessary application to establish a Core Skill Center and has received approval from OSPI.

13. Schools/districts receiving assistance:

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