



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

## *Reduce ASB Fees Grant*

### 1. **Purpose:**

High School ASB & Athletic Fee Grant Program for Students from Low-Income Families encouraged school districts (and tribal schools) to apply for up to five high schools for ASB 'scholarship' funds to promote more ASB card distribution and after-school activities for students from low-income families.

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

High schools may be awarded up to a maximum of \$10,000 each to offset revenue losses to their ASB budgets as they waive all optional, extracurricular fees for students from low-income families. This includes participation fees for athletic dues, attendance to a school events like games or plays, and even prom tickets.

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

Schools must meet the following criteria to be considered for grant selection:

- The school receiving funds serves students in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12.
- The school receiving funds has an Associated Student Body program.
- The school posted ASB/Athletic reporting requirements from RCW 28A.320.540 for SY 2021-2022.

Legislative priority for school funding:

- High schools participating in the community eligibility provision.
- High schools with the highest percentage of students in grades nine through twelve eligible to participate in the federal free and reduced-price means program.
- High schools located in school districts enrolling five thousand or fewer students.

#### **Beneficiaries in the 2022-23 School Year:**

<b>Number of School Districts:</b>	88
<b>Number of Schools:</b>	105
<b>Number of Students:</b>	n/a
<b>Number of Educators:</b>	n/a
<b>Other:</b>	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	\$850,000	\$833,511
2022	\$850,000	\$799,168
2021	\$250,000	\$232,967

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

Fiscal Year	Number of Schools
2021-2022	128
2020-2021	60

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

This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that FP 151 supported High School ASB budgets across the state with up to \$10,000 per school. The previous FP 944 was funded for 1 year for only \$250,000.

## 8. Program evaluation or evaluation of major findings:

Waiving all optional, extracurricular fees for students from low-income families (HB 1660) left schools and districts searching for ways to pay for programming that ASB revenues covered in the past and this funding helped districts maintain programs. While this grant helps fill some budget gaps at the high school level, it does not help the need in our middle schools.

## 9. Major challenges faced by the program:

District fiscal leaders were sometimes unsure about how to claim awarded funds since this funding is not used to purchase anything but rather offset losses from not charging fees to low-income families. As a result, seven school districts did not claim any of their awarded fundings and thirteen districts claimed only a portion of their award; \$104,887.40 of funding was left unclaimed. Districts also cited 'staff turnover' as a reason for not drawing down all their awarded funding.

## 10. Future opportunities:

FP 151 for SY 23-24 application closed with over 120 districts applying for funding for their high schools. The grant management team reached out all the districts with CEP high schools encouraging them to apply. School & district leaders have expressed interest in middle school ASB funding, which are not legislatively funded.



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

\$850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2022 and \$850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for the office of the superintendent of public instruction to create and administer a grant program for districts to reduce associated student body fees or participation fees for students who are eligible to participate in the federal free and reduced-price meals program. The office must distribute grants for the 2021-22 school year to school districts by August 10, 2021, and grants for the 2022-23 school year by August 1, 2022.

(a) Grant awards must be prioritized in the following order:

(i) High schools implementing the United States department of agriculture community eligibility provision;

(ii) High schools with the highest percentage of students in grades nine through twelve eligible to participate in the federal free and reduced-price meals program; and

(iii) High schools located in school districts enrolling 5,000 or fewer students.

(b) High schools that do not comply with the data collection and reporting requirements in RCW 28A.320.540 are not eligible for grant funding.

(c) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall award grants that are the lesser of the cost of the high school's associated student body card multiplied by the number of students eligible for the free or reduced-price meals program that purchased a student body card in either 2018-19 or 2019-20 school year, whichever is higher, or \$10,000.

(d) The office may award additional funding if:

(i) The appropriations provided are greater than the total amount of funding requested at the end of the application cycle; and

(ii) The applicant shows a demonstrated need for additional support.

## 12. **Other relevant information:**

N/A

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

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