



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

## **Reduce ASB Fees Grant**

1. **Purpose:**

School districts are required to reduce Associated Student Body (ASB) fees for students who are eligible for the federal Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (FRPL) program in the 2020-21 school year. The purpose of the ASB fee reduction grant program is to support districts in covering the costs of all students who are low-income. Districts applied separately for each high school (or schools with any grades 9, 10, 11, or 12) that have an ASB program.

2. **Description of services provided:**

OSPI administered a grant program. School districts used funds to support ASB program activities.

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

To receive this grant, school districts assured that:

- The school receiving funds serves students in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12.
- The school receiving funds had an Associated Student Body program.
- Funds were used to support the associated student body program fund and cover costs of discounting/waiving ASB fees.
- ASB extracurricular participation data for 2019-2020 school year is posted on the high school's website, as required by the 2019-2021 Operating Budget ([House Bill 1109 Sec. 501 \[4\]\[n\]](#))
- Schools included the link to the website where the [ASB extracurricular participation data](#) is posted.

Grant funding was prioritized in the following order:

1. Schools participating in the [community eligibility provision](#).
2. 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.
3. High schools located in school districts enrolling five thousand or fewer students

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

**Number of School Districts:** 60  
**Number of Schools:** 60  
**Number of Students:** N/A  
**Number of Educators:** N/A  
**Other:** N/A

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5. **State funding history:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Amount Funded</b>	<b>Actual Expenditures</b>
FY21	\$250,000	\$232,967

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

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Number of School Districts</b>	<b>Number of Schools</b>	<b>Number of Students</b>	<b>Number of Educators</b>	<b>Number of Other</b>
FY21	60	60	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

N/A

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

The ASB reduction grant program was in response of [House Bill 1660 \(2020\)](#) and the requirement that school districts waive all ASB and athletic fees for students from low-income families. 60 schools received funding in FY21.

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

A school district high school could only receive a maximum of \$5000, and there was only enough funding to give 50-60 schools ASB funds. The available funding and cap per school presented barriers, based upon feedback from applicants and eligible

schools. The allocation was not sufficient for school need. For the upcoming schools years (2021-2023), the legislature approved \$850,000 per year and up to \$10,000 per school. OSPI increased communication support to applicant schools to ensure funding was utilized for students in need. At the end of the fiscal year, 15.5% of the funding by some 12 school districts was left unclaimed.

10. **Future opportunities:**

For the upcoming schools years (2021-2023), the legislature approved \$850,000 per year and up to \$10,000 per school.

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

ESSB 5092, Sec. 1518 (15) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2021 is 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 for students who are eligible to participate in the federal free and reduced-price meals program. The office must distribute grants for the 2020-21 school year to school districts by August 10, 2020.

12. **Other relevant information:**

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

See [OSPI's Grantee List](#)

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