



Federal Funding Adjustments

2023 Supplemental Operating Budget Decision Package

Recommendation Summary

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) currently lacks the federal appropriation authority needed to access all portions of federal funds available this biennium. OSPI requests an additional \$206,606,000 in federal appropriation authority to access these federal funds to reflect changes in anticipated federal grant awards to OSPI. This request will provide additional authority to spend funds to support nutrition programs for students.

Fiscal Details (Funding, FTEs, Revenue, Objects)

Operating Expenditures	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Fund 001-2 Program 025	\$0	\$206,606,000	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$206,606,000	\$0	\$0
Biennial Totals	\$206,606,000		\$0	
Staffing	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Average Annual	0.0		0.0	
Revenue	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Fund 001 Source Code 0310	\$0	\$206,606,000	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Biennial Totals	\$0		\$0	
Object of Expenditure	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Obj. N	\$0	\$206,606,000	\$0	\$0

Package Description

What is the problem, opportunity, or priority you are addressing with the request?

OSPI receives federal funds primarily from the U.S. Departments of Education and Agriculture. The majority of those funds (approximately 96%) are expended as grants to school districts. OSPI's expenditures are a function of the federal award amounts and the grant draw rates by districts. This request increases OSPI's federal expenditure authority to match anticipated awards and disbursement rates.

What is your proposed solution?

To provide additional federal appropriation authority to OSPI for the current biennium.

What are you purchasing and how does it solve the problem?

Increased federal authority would allow OSPI to access all federal funds that will be made available and enable the agency to grant funds to school districts at a maximum allowable capacity.

What alternatives did you explore and why was this option chosen?

No alternatives were explored. This request is for additional authority in program 025 to spend school food service funds to provide meals to Washington's students.

Performance Measures

Performance outcomes:

School districts statewide will have access to federal funds for various programs, including school nutrition programs.

Assumptions and Calculations

Expansion or alteration of a current program or service:

The requested adjustment would allow OSPI to match the federal appropriation authority with the available federal grant funds.

Detailed assumptions and calculations:

Each year, Congress and the U.S. Department of Education adjust funding allocations. Based on current information about funding levels and school district draw rates, OSPI projects the need for minor adjustments to the agency's federal appropriation authority.

Workforce assumptions:

Not applicable. The bulk of the federal funding received is passed through as grants to school districts.

How is your proposal impacting equity in the state?

This request provides OSPI with the ability to support students through federally funded programs, including nutrition programs like the Community Eligibility Provision, which provides universal access to school meals in communities with large populations of students and families experiencing poverty.

Strategic and Performance Outcomes

Strategic framework:

This proposal aligns with the Governor’s Results Washington [Goal #1 - World Class Education](#), supporting an effective K–12 system. This proposal also aligns with OSPI’s strategic goal #4: A Committed, Unified, and Customer-Focused OSPI by supporting school districts through consistent, timely, and meaningful funding and supports that center the needs of students.

Other Collateral Connections

Intergovernmental:

There would be tribal and local governmental impacts to the extent federal education funds are granted to tribal compact schools and school districts.

Stakeholder response:

Students have the potential to be impacted by the reduction in grant funds school districts would have access to. OSPI expenditures cannot exceed its appropriation authority, therefore, OSPI would have to limit payments of federal funds to districts.

Legal or administrative mandates:

None.

Changes from current law:

None.

State workforce impacts:

None.

State facilities impacts:

None.

Puget Sound recovery:

N/A

Other Documents

Reference documents:

N/A