

# College CBOs

## Statutory and/or Budget Language

\$3,000,000 of the workforce education investment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the office to contract with a community-based organization to prepare students to enroll in and enter college through one-on-one advising, workshops and help sessions, guest speakers and panel presentations, community building activities, campus visits, workplace field trips, and college/career resources and to fund the oversight of the grantee or grantees.

## Purpose

The Contractor supported College Prep Advisors who provided students with academic and college planning support and equip them with the tools to successfully navigate the college admissions process. Per legislative requirement, funds were used to support community involvement officers that recruit and train mentors for students selected as achiever scholars, and to identify and reduce barriers to college for low-income and underserved middle and high school students. Funds were used to intensify efforts with targeted students to reengage in school and post high school planning, as well as expand services beyond direct program participants to schoolwide efforts to support overall student engagement and career college readiness preparation.

## Description of Services Provided

- Provided universal trainings to students school-wide in twenty-eight (28) participating schools to promote College & Career Readiness (CCR) as an engagement strategy. This can be in the form of classroom presentations, individual trainings during or after school, and/or in community settings;
- Recruited, selected, and trained HERO Advisors and College Prep Advisors to organize and oversee the student support activities in twenty-eight (28) participating high schools;
- Conduct outreach to students school-wide and/or grade-wide to promote participation.
- Provided students with college readiness and advising, career awareness, and transition activities and support;
- Facilitate ongoing communication between the principals, teachers, and staff of participating high schools to promote college preparation.

## Criteria for Receiving Services and/or Grants

The services were expansion of existing services provided by College Success Foundation. Programs are offered in 28 high schools in 11 school districts. These districts are Auburn, Bremerton, Highline, Kent, Marysville, Mount Vernon, Port Angeles, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, and Yakima.



## Beneficiaries in the 2023-24 School Year

<b>Number of School Districts</b>	0
<b>Number of Schools</b>	28
<b>Number of Students</b>	24,284
<b>Number of Educators</b>	0
<b>Other</b>	0

## Are Federal or Other Funds Contingent on State Funding?

No

## State Funding History

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Amount Funded</b>	<b>Actual Expenditures</b>
2024	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

## Number of Beneficiaries Per Fiscal Year (e.g. School Districts, Schools, Students, Educators, Other)

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>
2024	28

## Programmatic Changes Since Inception (If Any)

This funding was an expansion of existing services to serve additional schools.

## Program Evaluation or Evaluation of Major Findings

The performance standards for the 2023-24 school year include:

- In high schools with a HERO program, at least forty percent (40%) of 9th grade students participate in at least one Rally for College (RFC) college knowledge, career awareness, or student success activity.
- In high schools with a HERO program, at least forty percent (40%) of 10th grade students participate in at least one RFC college knowledge or career awareness activity.
- In high schools with an Achievers program, at least forty percent (40%) of 11th grade students participate in at least one RFC college planning activity.
- In high schools with an Achievers program, at least forty percent (40%) of 12th grade students participate in at least one RFC college planning or high school to-college transition activity.

## Major Challenges Faced by the Program

There is more schools in need of programming than current funding allows.

## Future Opportunities

Expand the program to serve more schools/districts, as well as middle schools in current districts receiving services to align this work with the High School and Beyond Plan.

## Other Relevant Information

None

## Schools/Districts Receiving Assistance

[Click here to see a list of all OSPI grant recipients in the 2024 Fiscal Year.](#)

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