

Reduce ASB Fees Grant

Budget Language

\$850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2025 and \$850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2025 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 2024-25 school year to school districts by August 10, 2025

Grant awards must be prioritized in the following order: (A) High schools implementing the United States department of agriculture community eligibility provision; (B) 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 (C) High schools located in school districts enrolling 5,000 or fewer students.

- (i) High schools that do not comply with the data collection and reporting requirements in RCW 28A.320.540 are not eligible for grant funding.
- (ii) 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 2023-24 or 2024-25 school year, whichever is higher, or \$10,000.
- (iii) The office may award additional funding if: (A) The appropriations provided are greater than the total amount of funding requested at the end of the application cycle; and (B) The applicant shows a demonstrated need for additional support.

Proviso Purpose

The purpose of this grant, form package (FP) 151 is to support high schools who have been impacted financially by House Bill (HB) 1660, and who have eliminated Associated Student Body (ASB) fees and other optional extracurricular fees (examples: athletic fees to be on track team, prom tickets) for students who are eligible for the federal Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) program. School districts could apply once for FP 151, for up to five high schools (or schools with any grades 9, 10, 11, or 12) that seek this ASB funding opportunity.

Services Provided

FP 151 allocated \$30 per student from low-income backgrounds who received an ASB card, and \$30 per student from low-income backgrounds who had their athletic participation fee waived. Each high school could receive a maximum of \$10,000 to support their students from low-income families.



Criteria for Receiving Services/Grants

Districts could apply for up to five of their schools with grades 9, 10, 11, and/or 12 that have an ASB card or athletic program. Funding was prioritized by law by:

- High schools participating in the community eligibility provision (CEP).
- High schools with the highest percentage of students in grades nine through twelve are 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 2024-25 School Year

Number of School Districts: 112

Number of Schools: N/A

Number of Students: N/A

Number of Educators: N/A

Are Federal or Other Funds Contingent on State Funding?

No.

State Funding History

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
2025	\$850,000	\$845,533
2024	\$850,000	\$849,394
2023	\$850,000	\$833,511
2022	\$850,000	\$799,168
2021	\$850,000	\$232,967

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

Fiscal Year	Number of Beneficiaries
2025	112
2024	97
2023	88
2022	128
2021	60

Programmatic Changes Since Inception (If Any)

N/A

Program(s) Evaluation or Major Findings

Because districts were “invited” to apply (based on a pre-determined criteria), more districts than in previous years drew down funds from this grant.

Major Challenges Faced by Program(s)

Districts are still grappling with the impact of HB 1660 on waived extracurricular fees for expensive trips like the high school band playing at Pasadena Rose Parade. There are qualitative comments that schools or districts have stopped doing these trips and other events altogether since they cannot cover all the costs for students from low-income families.

Future Opportunities

This grant is no longer funded by the Legislature. 2024-2025 was the final year for this funding.

Other Relevant Information

N/A

Schools/Districts Receiving Assistance

[Click here to see a list of all OSPI grant recipients in the 2025 Fiscal Year.](#)

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