

Food Insecurity Support

Budget Language

\$300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2025 is provided solely for the office of the superintendent of public instruction to contract with an organization that provides bags of food for students in Thurston county schools who are impacted by food insecurity and do not have adequate access to food in the evenings, on weekends, during holiday breaks, and during the summer months. The organization must be an all-volunteer, donation-funded program that was created in 2006.

Proviso Purpose

Allocated funds falling under proviso 522(4)(t) outlines a targeted, well-funded partnership between the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and All Kids Win to combat food insecurity for vulnerable students in Thurston County. It leverages established community resources, and increased funding as key elements to support students with nutritious food outside of the school environment.

Services Provided

Through an established contract, All Kids Win provided food bags throughout the entire school year to schools within the Thurston County School District.

Criteria for Receiving Services/Grants

All schools within Thurston County School District are eligible to participate in this program. Coordination and outreach from All Kids Win was continuous throughout the school year.

Beneficiaries in the 2024-25 School Year

Number of School Districts:	9
Number of Schools:	48
Number of Students:	24,978
Number of Educators:	N/A

Are Federal or Other Funds Contingent on State Funding?

No

State Funding History

2025	\$300,000	\$294,158



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

2025	9 school districts

Programmatic Changes Since Inception (If Any)

None

Program(s) Evaluation or Major Findings

The infusion of additional funding enabled the organization to strategically reallocate resources from fundraising efforts to direct community engagement initiatives. This shift facilitated expanded outreach to students, schools, and elected officials, culminating in a 40% increase in engagement activities and the establishment of partnerships with 15 additional schools. The resulting enhancement in organizational visibility has established a robust foundation for future collaborations and the long-term sustainability of the program.

Major Challenges Faced by Program(s)

The double levy failure in Yelm School district, who accounted for 40% of bag recipients, created challenges for All Kids Win in distributing the food bags within Yelm Public Schools. Additionally, they found that with the inflation of supplies, compared to previous years of distribution for Thurston County, the initial projection of cost of ten dollars for a bag was below the actual expense rates.

Future Opportunities

All Kids Win remains committed to identifying and pursuing opportunities for growth within the community. The organization aims to strengthen its presence in school environments, ensuring its support systems are firmly established. This proactive approach is designed to safeguard program continuity; even if there are changes or lapses in school district contacts, All Kids Win will be positioned to maintain programmatic support and prevent any disruptions in service delivery.

Other Relevant Information

All Kids Win took note that due to the additional support from the proviso funding they were able to avoid a reduction in their additional services such as scholarships, graduation gifts, and spring and winter break grocery gift cards.

Schools/Districts Receiving Assistance

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

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