

Safety Net Support

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this appropriation is to provide two additional full-time equivalent staff to support the work of the safety net committee and to provide training and support to districts applying for safety net awards.
2. **Description of services provided:** Regional trainings, presentations at conferences, unlimited telephone support, and support to the Special Education State Oversight Committee.
3. **Criteria for receiving services and/or grants:** RCW 28A.150.392 requires that schools must demonstrate need for special education funding beyond the amounts provided through the special education funding formula under RCW 28A.150.390.

Beneficiaries in 2018-19 School Year:

of School Districts: 125
 # of Schools: 00
 # of Students: 3,308
 Other: 8 Community Impact Awards

of OSPI staff associated with this funding (FTEs): 1.55
 # of contractors/other staff associated with this funding: 2 part-time

FY 19 Funding: State Appropriation: \$256,000
 Federal Appropriation: \$0.0
 Other fund sources: \$0.0
 TOTAL (FY19) \$256,000

4. Are federal or other funds contingent on state funding? No
5. State funding history:

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
FY19	\$256,000	\$186,836
FY18	\$256,000	\$200,812
FY17	\$256,000	\$163,490
FY16	\$255,000	\$112,549
FY15	\$252,000	\$123,705
FY14	\$252,000	\$102,237
FY13	\$251,000	\$89,379
FY12	\$251,000	\$79,972
FY11	\$251,000	\$112,578
FY10	\$262,000	\$179,093
FY09	\$251,000	\$225,420
FY08	\$262,000	\$147,300

6. **Programmatic changes since inception (if any): Not applicable**
7. **Evaluations of program/major findings: Not applicable**
8. **Major challenges faced by the program:** Currently ESSB 6032 Section 507(7)(b) specifies that safety net award determinations are to be distributed to districts in August of each year. In order to provide districts ample opportunity to apply, there is one application round for community impact and one for high need individual students. Thus, the bulk of the support work falls in a compressed timeframe of three or four months, rather than spread over the calendar year. It has become necessary to contract additional staff in order to process applications according to the published schedule.
9. **Statutory and/or Budget language:** SSB 5883 Section 507(11) - \$256,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year 2018 and \$256,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year 2019 are provided solely for two additional full-time equivalent staff to support the work of the safety net committee and to provide training and support to districts applying for safety net awards.
10. **Other relevant information:** EHB 2242, Sec. 408 (2017) required the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction review the current safety net process. The superintendent must make recommendations on possible adjustments to improve the safety net process and evaluate the appropriate funding level to meet the safety net's purpose. E2SSB 6362, Sec. 106, (3) requires that the superintendent review and revise the rules by December 1, 2018.
11. **List of schools/districts receiving assistance:** See OSPI [website](#).
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