



## Develop K-5 Civics Education Materials

1. **Purpose:**

Develop civics education materials for grades K–5 and post them to OSPI as open educational resources.

2. **Description of services provided:**

OSPI contracted with the League of Women Voters of Washington Education Fund (LWVWA) to create an ADA-compliant, elementary level version of the LWVWA’s text book “The State We’re in: Washington,” an existing text about social studies, civics, and history for use in grades six through twelve. The LWVWA’s elementary textbook’s primary use will be in grades three through five. The print draft is currently in progress by a team of design experts, while the digital draft is being edited by educators for posting onto the Open Educational Resources (OER) website.

3. **Criteria for receiving services and/or grants:**

LWVWA was selected because it met the proviso specification that OSPI contract with an experienced WA state organization that produces civics education materials for grades K–5 and post them as open education resources on OSPI’s website (OER). LWVWA’s current publication, a high school textbook called "The State We're In: Washington," is the source from which it modeled the text for grades K–5.

**Beneficiaries in 2019-20 School Year:**

<b>Number of School Districts:</b>	In development
<b>Number of Schools:</b>	In development
<b>Number of Students:</b>	In development
<b>Number of Educators:</b>	In development

**Number of OSPI staff associated with this funding (FTEs):** 0 FTE

**Number of contractors/other staff associated with this funding:** 1 Contract

<b>FY20 Funding: State Appropriation:</b>	\$30,000
<b>Federal Appropriation:</b>	\$0
<b>Other fund sources:</b>	\$0
<b>TOTAL (FY20)</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

4. **Are federal or other funds contingent on state funding?**

No

Yes, please explain.

*If state funds are not available, the state will not be eligible...*

5. **State funding history:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Amount Funded</b>	<b>Actual Expenditures</b>
FY20	\$30,000	\$30,000

6. **Number of beneficiaries (e.g., school districts, schools, students, educators, other) history:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Number of School Districts</b>
FY20	Not yet distributed

7. **Programmatic changes since inception (if any):**

N/A

8. **Evaluations of program/major findings:**

We believe the LWV Elementary “The State We’re In” text will be a powerful resource for students and teachers to access accurate, high quality materials about Washington State history and government, including Tribal sovereignty.

9. **Major challenges faced by the program:**

With the onset of COVID-19 in March closing down schools, museums, and other educational institutions, the graphics of the textbook were more difficult to obtain; therefore causing the need for additional time and funding to access and obtain online resources.

10. **Future opportunities:**

Anticipated printing of the textbook will be in October 2020.

11. **Statutory and/or budget language:**

ESSB 6168, Sec. 520 (3)(c) \$30,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2020 and \$25,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2021 are provided solely for the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop civics education materials for grades K-5. The Office must contract for the

production of materials with an experienced Washington State organization that produces civics education materials currently posted as an open education resources at the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

12. **Other relevant information:**

N/A

13. **Schools/districts receiving assistance:**

See [OSPI's Grantee List](#)

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