



# Washington Office of Superintendent of PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

## Project Citizen

1. **Purpose:**

Support Project Citizen, a program sponsored by the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Center for Civic Education, to promote participation in government for elementary, middle and high school students.

2. **Description of services provided:**

The Project Citizen program offered a professional development opportunity in August and provided curricular materials and training to fifteen teachers of three school districts. Materials included full classroom sets of Project Citizen along with a teacher guide. Project Citizen staff attended the Legislative Scholar event in July and conducted awareness training for 15–20 teachers. They actively recruited school districts for hosting Project Citizen trainings and secured a February training in Oak Harbor and surrounding districts. They distributed 21 sets of Project Citizen to seven districts.

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

Project Citizen will work with any educators who will incorporate Project Citizen into their Social Studies courses or extracurricular programs. Educators must attend a free training to receive support materials, and districts must arrange for regional contests to qualify students for the Project Citizen State contest. Participation in the contest is encouraged but not required.

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

<b>Number of School Districts:</b>	9
<b>Number of Schools:</b>	indeterminate
<b>Number of Students:</b>	indeterminate
<b>Number of Educators:</b>	46
<b>Other:</b> <i>Name other...</i>	0

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

**Number of contractors/other staff associated with this funding:** 0

<b>FY20 Funding: State Appropriation:</b>	\$75,000
<b>Federal Appropriation:</b>	\$0
<b>Other fund sources:</b>	\$0
<b>TOTAL (FY20)</b>	\$75,000

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:**

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
FY20	\$75,000	\$60,000
FY19	\$50,000	\$50,000
FY18	\$50,000	\$50,000
FY17	\$25,000	\$25,000
FY16	\$25,000	\$25,000
FY15	\$25,000	\$25,000
FY14	\$25,000	\$25,000
FY13	\$25,000	\$25,000
FY12	\$25,000	\$25,000
FY11	\$12,000	\$12,000
FY10	\$25,000	\$25,000

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

Fiscal Year	Number of School Districts	Number of Schools	Number of Students	Number of Educators	Number of Other
FY20	9	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	46	0
FY19	0	0	0	31	930

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

As funding has increased, Project Citizen has been able to support more educators.

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

No evaluation of the impact of the program has been conducted.

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

The Washington State Showcase was cancelled due to COVID-19, which caused school closures and barred students from participating. Most teachers began Project Citizen and did not have the opportunity to teach what they learned in professional development sessions.

10. **Future opportunities:**  
Assuming we move beyond COVID-19 there should be continued opportunity for educator support of student civic engagement through this program.
11. **Statutory and/or budget language:**  
ESSB 6168, Sec. 520 (3)(a) \$75,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2020 and \$75,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2021 are provided solely for project citizen and we the people: The citizen and the constitution programs sponsored by the national conference of state legislatures and the center for civic education to promote participation in government by middle and high school students. Of the amounts provided, \$15,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2021 are provided solely for awarding a travel grant to the winner of the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution state competition.
12. **Other relevant information:**  
The \$15,000 of the general fund provided solely for awarding a travel grant to the winner of the We the People state competition was not utilized due to the competition being moved online in response to the state’s stay-at-home order.
13. **Schools/districts receiving assistance:**  
See [OSPI’s Grantee List](#)
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