



Washington Office of Superintendent of PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Safety Net Committee Support

1. **Purpose:**

The purpose of this appropriation is to provide two additional full-time equivalent (FTE) 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 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 2019-20 School Year:

Number of School Districts:	130
Number of Schools:	All schools submitting an application
Number of Students:	4,087
Number of Educators:	Not applicable

Number of OSPI staff associated with this funding (FTEs): 2.75

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

FY20 Funding: State Appropriation:	\$481,000
Federal Appropriation:	\$0
Other fund sources:	\$0
TOTAL (FY20)	\$481,000

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	\$481,000	\$207,350
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. **Number of beneficiaries (e.g., school districts, schools, students, educators, other) history:**

Fiscal Year	Number of School Districts	Number of Schools	Number of Students
FY20	130	All schools submitting applications	4,087
FY19	125	All schools submitting applications	3,038
FY18	111	All schools submitting applications	2,793
FY17	116	All schools submitting applications	2,530

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

9. **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 became necessary to hire additional staff in order to process applications according to the published schedule.

10. **Future opportunities:**

The Safety Net team is evaluating an improved electronic process that will streamline the Safety Net application submission process. Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) have commented that submitting applications and relevant documents electronically has made the process less difficult for district staff.

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

Budget Proviso: ESSB 6168 Section 501(1)(r) - \$481,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year 2020 and \$481,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year 2021 are provided solely for 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.

12. **Other relevant information:**

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

See [OSPI's Grantee List](#)

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