



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 textbook “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 available for purchase by school districts, while the digital copy is now posted on the [Open Educational Resources](#) (OER) website.

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

OSPI was charged to develop civics education materials for grades K–5 by contracting 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).

Beneficiaries in 2020-21 School Year:

Number of School Districts:	295
Number of Schools:	2,255
Number of Students:	24,000+
Number of Educators:	2,000+

Number of OSPI staff associated with this funding (FTEs):	0 FTE
Number of contractors/other staff associated with this funding:	1 Contract

FY21 Funding: State Appropriation:	\$25,000
Federal Appropriation:	\$0
Other fund sources:	\$0
TOTAL (FY21)	\$25,000

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

- No
- Yes, please explain.

5. **State funding history:**

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
FY21	\$25,000	\$25,000
FY20	\$30,000	\$30,000

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
FY21	295	2,255	24,000+	2,000+
FY20	Not yet distributed	NA	NA	NA

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

N/A

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

The LWV Elementary “The State We’re In: Washington” text is a powerful resource for students and teachers to access accurate, high quality materials about Washington State history and government, including Tribal sovereignty. New photographs from the Kalispel Tribe, ARC of Washington, the Poulsen Museum in Hoquiam, National Park Service and others greatly enhanced the text. LWVWA have had excellent and extensive support from the WA State Historical Society in accessing photos. OSPI has created student and teacher facing support materials including an Inquiry lesson for each chapter.

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; requiring additional time and funding to access and obtain online resources.

10. **Future opportunities:**

OSPI will include the LWV *State We’re In* materials as part of a comprehensive approach to supporting Civics education K–12. We anticipate that the new Civics

Curriculum Grant program may increase classroom access to these materials and professional development opportunities.

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

ESSB 5092, Sec. 1518 (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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