



Washington Office of Superintendent of  
**PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

## *Reduce ASB Fees Grant*

### 1. **Purpose:**

The High School ASB & Athletic Fee Grant Program for Students from Low Income Families in response to RCW 28A.325.010 to support high schools financially by this new law by offsetting losses to their ASB revenues.

### 2. **Description of services provided:**

High schools may be awarded up to a maximum of \$10,000 each to offset revenue losses to their ASB budgets as they waive all optional, extracurricular fees for students from low-income families. This includes participation fees for athletic dues, attendance to a school events like games or plays, and even prom tickets.

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

Schools must meet the following criteria to be considered for grant selection:

- The school receiving funds serves students in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12.
- The school receiving funds has an Associated Student Body program.
- The school posted ASB/Athletic reporting requirements from RCW 28A.320.540 for SY 2020-2021.

Legislative priority for school funding: High schools participating in the [community eligibility provision](#).

High schools with the highest percentage of students in grades nine through twelve eligible to participate in the federal free and reduced-price means program.

High schools located in school districts enrolling five thousand or fewer students.

### **Beneficiaries in 2021-22 School Year:**

Number of School Districts:	107
Number of Schools:	128
Number of Students:	N/A
Number of Educators:	N/A
Other:	N/A

Number of OSPI staff associated with this funding (FTEs): .73

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

**FY22 Funding:** State Appropriation: \$850,000  
Federal Appropriation: \$0  
Other Fund Sources: \$0  
TOTAL (FY22) \$850,000

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

No

**5. State funding history:**

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
2022	\$850,000	\$799,168
2021	\$250,000	\$232,967

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

Fiscal Year	Number of Schools
2021-22	128

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

N/A

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

Waiving all optional, extracurricular fees for students from low-income families (HB 1660) left schools and districts searching for ways to pay for programming that ASB revenues covered in the past and this funding helped districts maintain programs.

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

District fiscal leaders were sometimes unsure about how to claim awarded funds since this funding is not used to purchase anything but rather offset losses from not charging fees to low-income families. As a result, fourteen school districts (mostly small school districts) did not claim their awarded funding; \$84.143.22 of funding was left unclaimed.

## 10. Future opportunities:

As schools and district expand more activities post-pandemic, more students can find new experiences to participate in regardless of historic, prohibitive costs.

## 11. Statutory and/or budget language:

ESSB 5693, Sec. 522(15) - \$850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2022 and \$850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for the office of the superintendent of public instruction to create and administer a grant program for districts to reduce associated student body fees or participation fees for students who are eligible to participate in the federal free and reduced-price meals program. The office must distribute grants for the 2021-22 school year to school districts by August 10, 2021, and grants for the 2022-23 school year by August 1, 2022. (a) Grant awards must be prioritized in the following order: (i) High schools implementing the United States department of agriculture community eligibility provision; (ii) High schools with the highest percentage of students in grades nine through twelve eligible to participate in the federal free and reduced-price meals program; and (iii) High schools located in school districts enrolling 5,000 or fewer students. (b) High schools that do not comply with the data collection and reporting requirements in [RCW 28A.320.540](#) are not eligible for grant funding. (c) The office of the superintendent of public instruction shall award grants that are the lesser of the cost of the high school's associated student body card multiplied by the number of students eligible for the free or reduced-price meals program that purchased a student body card in either 2018-19 or 2019-20 school year, whichever is higher, or \$10,000. (d) The office may award additional funding if: (i) The appropriations provided are greater than the total amount of funding requested at the end of the application cycle; and (ii) The applicant shows a demonstrated need for additional support.

## 12. Other relevant information:

N/A

## 13. Schools/districts receiving assistance:

See [OSPI's grantee list](#).

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