

Centrum Program Fort Worden

Statutory and/or Budget Language

\$85,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2024 and \$85,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2025 are provided solely for the centrum program at Fort Worden state park.

Purpose

The agreement with Centrum aims to create, execute, and manage the statewide Young Artists Project initiative. Centrum's programs reach students in 30% of Washington state's counties. This initiative offers arts and sciences opportunities to students from grades 5–12 and to the educators who work with these students.

Description of Services Provided

Centrum created and managed the Young Artists Project to offer creative opportunities for talented Washington students and their educators. It provided week-long residential arts programs where students statewide can learn from professional artists, with room and board included.

Criteria for Receiving Services and/or Grants

Centrum offered a series of intensive programs aimed at students in grades 5–12 to foster their creative talents. The specific programs included:

- 3) One (1) genre-specific workshop for high school students, ranging from four (4) to six (6) days in duration.
- 3) A five-day residential workshop for elementary students in grades 5 and 6, along with their teachers, which combines marine science, the arts, and creative problem-solving.
- 3) A five-day residential workshop for middle school students in grades 7 and 8, together with their teachers, which integrates writing, visual arts, theater, and dance/movement.

Beneficiaries in the 2023–24 School Year

Number of School Districts	23
Number of Schools	36
Number of Students	144
Number of Educators	6
Other	17

Are Federal or Other Funds Contingent on State Funding?

No



State Funding History

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
2024	\$85,000	\$85,000
2023	\$85,000	\$85,000
2022	\$85,000	\$85,000
2021	\$85,000	\$85,000
2020	\$85,000	\$85,000

Number of Beneficiaries Per Fiscal Year (e.g. School Districts, Schools, Students, Educators, Other)

Fiscal Year	Number of Beneficiaries
2024	226
2023	29
2022	16
2021	19
2020	49

Programmatic Changes Since Inception (If Any)

None

Program Evaluation or Evaluation of Major Findings

The program undergoes monthly financial reviews and an annual final review. Proviso funding makes it affordable for all participants. Post-program surveys of participants are also available

Major Challenges Faced by the Program

The primary challenges are the program's continuation and securing adequate funding. Due to the state's budget shortfall, the allocation for FY 2012–13 was reduced to \$85,000 and has remained at this level through FY 2025. One of Centrum's current issues is restoring public access youth program enrollment to pre-Covid levels. Additionally, Centrum remains committed to ensuring that its programs remain affordable for all families.

Future Opportunities

Centrum is enhancing its program for highly capable students through staff development, collaboration with OSPI, and targeted marketing. By offering in-service training, engaging with talented teachers, and recruiting chaperones, they aim to meet student needs better. They're also updating schedules to suit modern learners and seeking funding for podcasting opportunities in technical arts.

Other Relevant Information

Centrum provides services to additional OSPI programs:

- The Migrant Education Program, *Voices from the Field*, is a five-day arts residency aimed at middle school students.
- Winners of the Superintendent's High School Art Show award in 2024 will have their works exhibited at Centrum/Fort Worden State Park from January to February 2025.
- Centrum will offer organizational assistance through a student award for the 2024 Superintendent's High School Art Show.
- Partnerships with two local middle schools allow all 7th graders in Port Townsend and Chimacum access to week-long arts academies through their respective schools.

Schools/Districts Receiving Assistance

[Click here to see a list of all OSPI grant recipients in the 2024 Fiscal Year.](#)

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