

Reduce ASB Fees Grant

Statutory and/or Budget Language

\$850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2024 and \$850,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2025 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 2023–24 school year to school districts by August 10, 2023, and grants for the 2024–25 school year by August 1, 2024.

- (i) Grant awards must be prioritized in the following order:
 - (A) High schools implementing the United States department of agriculture community eligibility provision;
 - (B) 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
 - (C) High schools located in school districts enrolling 5,000 or fewer students.
- (ii) High schools that do not comply with the data collection and reporting requirements in RCW 28A.320.540 are not eligible for grant funding.
- (iii) 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 2022–23 or 2023–24 school year, whichever is higher, or \$10,000.
- (iv) The office may award additional funding if:
 - (A) The appropriations provided are greater than the total amount of funding requested at the end of the application cycle; and
 - (B) The applicant shows a demonstrated need for additional support.

Purpose

The purpose of this grant, form package (FP) 151 is to support high schools who have been impacted financially by House Bill (HB) 1660, and who have eliminated Associated Student Body (ASB) fees and other optional extracurricular fees (examples: athletic fees to be on track team, prom tickets) for students who are eligible for the federal Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) program. School districts could apply once for FP 151, for up to five high schools (or schools with any grades 9, 10, 11, or 12) that seek this ASB funding opportunity.

Description of Services Provided

FP 151 allocated \$30 per student from low-income backgrounds who received an ASB card, and \$30 per student from low-income backgrounds who had their athletic participation fee waived.



Each high school could receive a maximum of \$10,000 to support their students from low-income families.

Criteria for Receiving Services and/or Grants

Districts could apply up to five of their schools with grades 9, 10, 11, and/or 12 that have an ASB card or athletic program. Funding was prioritized by law by:

- High schools participating in the community eligibility provision (CEP).
- 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 the 2023–24 School Year

Number of School Districts	97
Number of Schools	121
Number of Students	N/A
Number of Educators	N/A
Other	N/A

Are Federal or Other Funds Contingent on State Funding?

No

State Funding History

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
2024	\$850,000	\$849,394
2023	\$850,000	\$833,511
2022	\$850,000	\$799,168
2021	\$250,000	\$232,967

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

Fiscal Year	Number of Beneficiaries
2024	97
2023	88
2022	128
2021	60

Programmatic Changes Since Inception (If Any)

N/A

Program Evaluation or Evaluation of Major Findings

The district requests for funding significantly surpassed the allocated grant amount. This year, larger districts such as Tacoma and Federal Way received only a portion of the funding they requested, in order to distribute financial resources more equitably among smaller, rural districts. Through this process, nine more districts received funding over the previous year. It is noteworthy that only \$43,000 remained unclaimed by districts this year, a substantial improvement compared to the nearly \$95,000 left unclaimed in the school year 2022–23.

Major Challenges Faced by the Program

Districts are still grappling with the impact of HB 1660 on waived extracurricular fees for expensive trips like the high school band playing at Pasadena Rose Parade. There are qualitative comments that schools or districts have stopped doing these trips and other events altogether since they cannot cover all the costs for students from low-income families.

Future Opportunities

With the shift of FP 151 from iGrants to the EGMS system for school year 2024–2025, only districts that have high schools with the threshold of over 50% FRL were invited to apply for funding.

Other Relevant Information

High schools will be reporting their ASB and athletic participation into OSPI's Smartsheet tool by April 15, 2025; it is one of the requirements for funding through FP 151.

Schools/Districts Receiving Assistance

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

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