

## Centrum Program Annual Status Report FY 16

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of the contract with Centrum is to develop, implement, and administer the Experiences in Creativity Program. This program provides opportunities in the arts and sciences for 5–12th grade students, and for educators who serve these students.
2. **Description of services provided:** Centrum shall develop, implement and administer the Young Artists Project program to provide opportunities in creativity for highly capable Washington students, and for educators who serve those students. Accomplishments include:
  - March 6–11 **Explorations** program for middle school students: One (1) week-long residential workshop for middle school students in grades seven and eight, (7–8) and their teachers. Offerings included writing, visual arts, music, theater and dance. Evaluations are still being collated and entered into the system for analysis.
  - April 24–29 **Water World**, a week-long residential workshop for elementary school students in grades five and six (5–6) and their teachers, integrating marine science, the arts, and creative problem solving.
  - May 24, 2016 **Maritime Education Presentation** to Chimacum Middle School. The half-day presentation prepares students for a 10-day program that takes place June 5–10, & 13–14 at the Maritime Center and in longboats on the water. (Centrum and PTMC)
  - June 5–10, & 13–14 **Maritime Longboats Program for Chimacum Middle School 7th graders.**
  - Centrum artists Christian Swenson and Margie McDonald collaborate with the Port Townsend Maritime Center to provide classes in visual art and movement related to the 7th grade longboat maritime experience. The arts programming helps to build leadership skills, collaboration and trust, observation, problem solving, and specific maritime skills such as knot tying.
  - June 6–10 **Blue Heron Middle School Tales, Texts & Theater**, for the 6th grade student body of Port Townsend’s Blue Heron Middle School to work with vital, contemporary artists in a variety of disciplines—creative writing, theatrical movement, music, and visual art—for a weeklong immersion in creativity.
  - Ongoing: Registrations are accepted and scholarships awarded for the high school program *Dance This!* Promotional materials were printed and mailed in early March. All reservations for housing, food and studios submitted to Fort Worden.
3. **Criteria for receiving services and/or grants:**

Develop and provide a series of intensive programs for 5–12th grade students, focusing on developing creative skills. Specific programs are as follows:

  - One (1) genre specific workshop for high school students, four to six (4–6) days in length.
  - One (1) week long residential workshop for elementary school students in grades five and six (5–6) and their teachers, integrating marine science, the arts, and creative problem solving. Workshop shall be five (5) days in length.
  - One (1) week long residential workshop for middle school students in grades seven and eight, (7–8) and their teachers. Offerings include integrating writing, visual arts, theater and dance/movement. Workshop shall be five (5) days in length.

**Beneficiaries in 2015–17 Biennium:**

**Dance *This!* at Centrum, August 2–8—** 38 student participants in grades 9–12.

Participants came from Bellevue, Chimacum, Clyde Hill, Fall City, Federal Way, Friday Harbor, Gig Harbor, Marysville, Port Townsend, Poulsbo, Seattle, Shoreline, Silverdale, Spokane, and Vashon Island.

**Explorations, March 6–11, 2016—**45 student participants, 6 chaperones.

Participants came from Bainbridge Island, Bellingham, Lakewood, Port Townsend, Seattle, Shaw Island, Suquamish, Tacoma, Twisp, Waldron, and Winthrop.

**Water World, April 24–29, 2016—** 63 students and 17 chaperones.

Participants came from Airway Heights, Chimacum, East Wenatchee, Liberty Lake, Mazama, Millwood, Okanogan, Omak, Port Townsend, Renton, Riverside, Seattle, Spokane, Spokane Valley, Twisp, Waldron Island, and Winthrop.

**Tales, Texts & Theater, June 5–10, 2016—**74 student participants and 9 chaperones.

Students came from Blue Heron Middle School in Port Townsend, Washington.

During Tales, Texts & Theater, the entire sixth grade student body of Port Townsend’s Blue Heron Middle School works with vital, contemporary artists in a variety of disciplines—creative writing, theatrical movement, music, and visual art—for a weeklong immersion in creativity.

**Centrum/Chimacum Maritime Discovery Program, June 5–14, 2016—**72 student participants and 4 Chaperones.

Centrum has worked with the Northwest Maritime Center and Chimacum schools to integrate art into the Maritime Discovery program.

**1. FY 16 and FY 17 Funding:** State Appropriation: \$85,000 per year

**What is the current status of this program’s implementation?** The FY 2016 contract has been completed.

**6. When will the project be completed?** Project was completed for the FY on June 30, 2016.

**7. First year funded:** For at least 25 years.

**8. State funding since inception:**

Fiscal Year	Amount
FY 16	\$85,000
FY 15	\$85,000
FY 14	\$85,000
FY 13	\$85,000
FY 12	\$85,000
FY 10	\$170,000
FY 05–09	\$170,000

**9. Evaluations of program/major findings:** The program is fiscally reviewed monthly and through a final review annually. There have been no findings.

Participants of the one week programs provided feedback on their experiences which includes the following:

- 90+ percent of the students said that the experience provided them the opportunity to explore new areas that they had not had availability to in their schools;
- 80+ percent of the students stated that they were challenged to think in new ways; and
- 90+ percent of the students reported that their skill levels increased during the program.

**10. Major challenges faced by the program:** Continuation of the program and funding. The FY 12–13 allocation was reduced to \$85,000 due to the state’s budget shortfall and continued at this rate through FY16. Districts are reluctant to send students for a week to a Centrum class because of the loss of classroom instructional time. This has impacted enrollment.

**11. Statutory and/or Budget language: 2ESHB 2376** Sec. 509(3) \$85,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year 2016 and \$85,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal 2017 are provided solely for the Centrum program at Fort Worden state park.