

WRPA “Summer Experiences and Enrichment for Kids”

Outdoor Summer Enrichment Program Funding Opportunity

**One application per agency is allowed. Your application can reflect your overall summer programming or a specific program or project.*

Agency Name:	City:
County:	Title:
Applicant Main Contact Person:	Phone:
Address, City, Zip:	
Email:	
Service area population range: select one	
100-10,000	10,001 - 50,000
50,001 – 100,000	100,001 & Up
Agency Mission:	

Funding Request Tiers: Select One	Exact Funds requested 2021
Up to \$50,000	
Up to \$100,000	
Up to \$250,000	

Please share your agency’s summer program focus area(s). While the program may include several of the categories here, please choose up to five categories that best describe your program.

Art Programs	Environmental Program	STEM
Literacy	Outdoor Recreation	Youth Summer Day Camp
Preschool Program	Teen Programs	Sports
Mentoring	Service Learning	General Summer Programming
Mobile Recreation	Therapeutic Recreation	Other:

Program Description: Recipients must prioritize activities or programs that promote social connection, encourage physical activity, support families who are struggling with child care needs and assist those most impacted by the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Describe the youth experience your program will provide (what they will do).
- Describe how the program will meet the social, emotional, and/or academic needs of students and provide them with engaging and enriching outdoor experiences. Sub-recipients must prioritize activities or programs that promote students connecting socially with their classmates, encourage students to engage in physical activity, and support families who have struggled with child care needs.
- Describe how the program will respond to students’ social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on students from low-income families, students of color, children with disabilities, English learners, and migratory students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care?
- List ways in which the program will reduce/remove institutional and systemic barriers to participation.
- Explain how these funds allow your agency to provide services that it wouldn’t be able to otherwise.
- List program partnerships with organizations that work with underserved and/or economically disadvantaged youth populations.
- Provide the estimated number of hours each participant will spend outdoors.
- Indicate whether your program will provide scholarships for underserved populations.

- Explain timeframes during which the program will be offered – hours per day/week? What are the planned dates for the program during summer 2021?

Youth Served:

- Describe the K-12-aged (4 to 21) youth who will participate and be served through this program.
- Describe your outreach, specifically noting how you plan to serve those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic such as students from low-income families, students of color, children with disabilities, English learners, migratory students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care.
- Explain how target youth populations will be recruited to participate.
- Explain how these funds will create more access to underserved and/or economically disadvantaged youth.
- List any barriers that prevent participants from outdoor programming?
- Provide potential number of K-12 (age 4 to 21) youth who would be served.
- Provide anticipated percent of children/youth in program whose families are low-income and/or are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch (please provide estimates based on 2019 summer programming).

Which of the following disproportionately impacted communities does the summer recreation program serve? (Select all that apply)

Communities of Color	Low-Income Individuals	Rural or geographically isolated individuals
LGBTQIA+ Individuals	Individuals with disabilities	Immigrants and or refugees
Homeless Youth	Youth in Foster Care	Food Insecure
Other vulnerable or historically underserved populations	English as a second language	

Indicate below where and at what level funds will be applied.

Project Costs	Summer 2021
Staff	\$
Equipment	\$
Scholarships	\$
Supplies	\$
Transportation	\$
Facility	\$
Professional Services	\$
Field Trips	\$
**Meals	\$
Other	\$
TOTAL	\$

**Is your agency a current sponsor of the OSPI meal program or are you planning on being a site for the first time in the summer of 2021? (only if the answer is “no” can meals be an allowable expense.)

Information/Background

Purpose: The “Summer Experiences & Enrichment for Kids” (SEEK) program is for summer outdoor programs serving school aged youth (K-12 – age 4-21). The purpose of the SEEK funding is to increase access to quality, outdoor summer

programming for youth and communities who have historically been underserved and who have been most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Further, this program aims to address students' **social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs** through a combination of activities that include strong partnerships with community-based organizations and other summer providers, including summer camps. These funds will create partnerships to help **support and sustain summer programs**, especially those in rural and remote communities.

The 2021 Funding Cycle will only cover 1 ½ months of reimbursements; mid – July through August. Another funding cycle for summer 2022 programming will open this Fall. Recipients must prioritize activities or programs that promote social connection, encourage physical activity, and support families who are struggling with childcare needs.

Who is eligible to apply: Local government Parks and Recreation Agencies (City & County Parks and Recreation Agencies; Metropolitan Park Districts; Park and Recreation Districts).

Due date for submission: 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 2, 2021.

Notification: Selected organizations will be notified by 5:00 p.m. Monday, July 12, 2021.

Funded by Reimbursement:

All funds will be distributed on a **reimbursement** basis in alignment to a contractual agreement with AWC. Selected organizations may request reimbursement only after they have paid their employees and vendors and reported on their use of funds.

Project evaluations and scoring:

Proposals will be scored and evaluated with similar population range applicants. An advisory committee will evaluate and score all proposals to determine which projects will be recommended for funding. Scores will be based on each applicant's response to evaluation questions. Scoring is confidential.

Advisory Committee members will score proposals based on the following evaluation criteria and point values:

- **Program Design: 1-5 points (X2)**
Prioritize activities or programs that promote; social connection, encourage physical activity and are affordable and accessible to all.
- **Youth Served: 1-5 points (x3)**
Providing direct services resulting in engagement and involvement of school-aged youth who are; underserved and disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Emphasis on equity and access for those who have previously had a more difficult time participating due to lower income levels, language barriers communities of color etc.
- **Outdoor Engagement/Enrichment: 1-5 points**
Evaluate the quality and quantity of evidence based outdoor education and recreation focus.
- **Assisting COVID-impacted students, families: 1-5 points.**
Connecting to families who are struggling with childcare needs coming out of the pandemic, so they can return to the work force and have a safe, enriching place for their children to be. Emphasis on supporting the social & emotional wellbeing of youth participants.

Project Completion:

When a project is completed, selected organizations must submit the final bill, final report, and supporting documents needed to close out the project as specified in the agreement.

NOTE:

- 1) *All records relevant to projects funded must be on file and are subject to audit and inspection by the state and potentially federal agencies. If the auditor's inspection of the records discloses any charges incorrectly claimed and reimbursed, the awardee may be responsible for repayment. (Agencies with greater than \$750,000 in federal funding from all sources will be subject to a single audit.)*
- 2) *The total funding available for both Summer 2021 and 2022 is about \$12 million. There will be a separate application cycle in the Fall for Summer 2022 programs.*