



Outdoor Youth Summer Enrichment Program Funding Application

Goal Statement/Key Objectives for this funding: To best serve school-aged youth, WRPA and the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) will strive to ensure that funds are allocated to a diverse group of jurisdictions of all sizes that are geographically spread across the state. Additionally, the program emphasizes targeting funds toward programs that serve school age youth populations most impacted by COVID-19 and furthest from educational justice. Funding is for programs that prioritize activities that promote students connecting socially with their classmates, encourage students to engage in physical activity, and support families who have struggled with childcare needs.

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

Funding Request (Maximum \$500,000)	\$
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Please indicate the summer program focus area(s) you are requesting funding for. While the program may include several of the categories here, please select the category or categories that best describes 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 childcare needs and assist those most impacted by the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- One application per program, per agency, up to 3, not to exceed \$500,000 in total applications amounts.
- Provide a clear, concise narrative that describes the specific program(s) proposed for funding.
- Describe the youth experience the program will provide (what they will do).

- Detail how the program will prioritize activities that promote students connecting socially with their classmates, encourage students to engage in physical activity, and address participants mental health and academic needs.
- Describe how each program will enhance access for those who have been historically underserved or are struggling due to income disparities and/or COVID-19 impacts (*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*)?
- List ways in which the program will reduce/remove institutional and systemic barriers to participation.
- Explain how these funds allow your agency to accomplish your goals or plans that it wouldn't be able to otherwise.
- List program partnerships with organizations that work with underserved and/or economically disadvantaged youth populations. Indicate whether these outside organizations or third parties will be involved in your program and if so, how. Specifically note when the outside organization will be supervising youth participants. Outside organizations that directly supervise youth will have to provide AWC with proof of insurance.
- Indicate whether the program for which you are seeking funds is fee-based. If fees are charged, please indicate whether your program will provide scholarships for underserved populations or other ways your program will ensure that costs are not a barrier.
- Provide the estimated amount of hours each participant will likely spend outdoors.
- Explain time frames during which the program will be offered. Include the number of hours per day or week as well as the planned dates for the program during the summer of 2022.

Youth Served:

- Describe the K-12-aged (4 to 21) youth who will participate and be served through each 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).
- Describe how you will collect data about the youth served and outcomes achieved.

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 how funds will be used and at what level, being as specific as possible. Staff training and travel and capital infrastructure costs are ineligible for funding. Equipment and supplies that relate directly to the program being offered (such as renting a bus or van for trips) are eligible. Supplies must not exceed a \$5000/unit maximum cost.

Project Costs	Summer 2022
Staff	\$
Equipment & supplies (i.e. sports equipment, art supplies, or water and snacks) <i>(must be directly related to program being offered)</i>	\$
Scholarships or subsidies	\$
Transportation	\$
Facilities	\$
Professional Services (please be specific on type of service)	\$
Fees for activities or field trips (such as entrance fees for field trips)	\$
**Meals	\$
Other (please specify)	\$
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 2022? (Only if the answer is “no” can meals be an allowable expense.)

Funding 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 grants 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.

Programs should 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. Programs are encouraged to create partnerships to help **support and sustain summer programs**, especially those in rural and remote communities.

2022 funding cycle will cover reimbursements for a summer program – April 15 through September 15. Recipients must prioritize activities or programs that promote social connection, encourage physical activity, and support families who are struggling with childcare needs. Total funding available is approximately \$10 million.

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

Application Period Opens: Monday, Oct. 18 ,2021.

Due date for submission: 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18.

Evaluation Period including Q&A/Interviews as needed: The evaluation and scoring panel will use the time between application submittals and application awards to review and score projects. The panel reserves the right to follow up with applicants and schedule Q&A/Interview sessions where applications have ambiguities or leave panelists with unresolved questions.

Date funding allocations will be awarded: Recipients will be notified by 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, 2022.

Funded by Reimbursement:

All funds will be distributed on a **reimbursement** basis once adequate documentation and reporting have been submitted.

Applicant Webinar Info:

Date: Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021.

Time: 11 a.m. through Noon.

How to register: (*provide link*)

Project evaluations and scoring:

Applications will be scored and evaluated with similar population range applicants. An advisory committee will evaluate and score all applications to determine which projects will be recommended for funding. Scores will be based on each applicant's response to evaluation questions and any necessary Q&A/Interview follow-ups. Final awards are subject to approval by AWC and OSPI.

Advisory Committee members will score applications 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)**
Engaging 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, awardees must submit the final bill, final report, and supporting documents needed to close out the project as specified in the contract agreement. A sample of the contract, which includes an insurance requirement and limits changes to 10 percent of total funds (*unless a Contract Amendment is authorized*) is attached. Modifications to this contract will not be accepted and applicants must attest to their ability to enter into the contract as is.

NOTES:

- 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 grantee may be responsible for repayment.
- 2) OSPI has determined that the relationship between OSPI and AWC is that of a contractor/vendor engaged to provide professional services related to a federal funding opportunity, and not that of a grantee or Pass-through Entity (PSE). Therefore, federal Uniform Guidance requirements do not apply, including reporting of SEEK funds on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA).