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11am - Noon
Virtual Information Meeting



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Introductions

- **Candice Bock** (she/her)
 - Director of Government Relations, Association of Washington Cities (AWC)
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 - Legislative & Policy Analyst, Association of Washington Cities (AWC)
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 - WRPA President, Recreation Director, City of Spokane
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 - WRPA President Elect, Director of Parks and Recreation City of Maple Valley
- **Paul Simmons**(he/him)
 - WRPA Past President, Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts City of Olympia



Goal Statement/Key Funding Objectives:

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.



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WRPA in collaboration with Association of Washington Cities (AWC) is excited and proud to announce a 2022 Summer **\$10 million funding program.**

This program is administered by AWC and made possible by funds provided to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

SEEK will enable local parks and recreation agencies throughout our state to expand summer outdoor education programs serving school aged youth (K-12 – ages 4-21yrs.).

The purpose of the fund is to increase access to quality, outdoor summer programming for youth and communities who have been historically underserved and who have been most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

What to Expect from this Informational Meeting:

- Overview of the Funding Program
- Application Process
- Updates from 2021 cycle
- Important Deadlines
- Deliverables
- Open Q&A



SEEK FUND GOALS



- 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.
- Create partnerships to help **support and sustain summer programs**, especially those in rural and remote communities.
- Focus of the state is to **maximize enrollment** in summer programs, for students of all ages, with a particular focus on underserved students and students most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Prioritize activities or programs that promote **social connections** amongst peers, encourage **physical activity, and support families** who are struggling with childcare needs.

WHO MAY APPLY?

Local Government Agencies

- Local government Parks and Recreation Agencies (City & County Parks and Recreation Agencies; Metropolitan Park Districts; Park and Recreation Districts; Tribal governments.)
 - State Parks may be eligible for funding in cases where it partners with a local agency on summer programming and that local agency applies for SEEK funds.
- Up to 3 applications per agency will be allowed (1 per program area) the total request for an individual agency cannot exceed \$500,000.
- This funding is focused on summer outdoor recreation programming only.
- Capital construction or equipment purchases exceeding \$5,000 per unit are not eligible.

SEEK APPLICATION: PROGRAM COSTS

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 \$5,000/unit maximum cost.

Project Costs
Staffing
Equipment & Supplies <i>(i.e. sports equipment, art supplies, or water and snacks) (must be directly related to program being offered)</i>
Scholarships or subsidies
Transportation
Facilities
Professional Services (please be specific)
Fees for activities or field trips
Meals <i>if your agency currently sponsors OSPI meal program or you are planning to in 2022 meals cannot be an allowable expense</i>
Other

SEEK APPLICATION: PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- Strong emphasis on 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.
- Explain how these funds allow your agency to accomplish your goals or plans that it wouldn't be able to otherwise.
- Outside organizations that are partnering with your agency for programming that directly supervise youth will have to provide AWC with proof of insurance.
- 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 number of hours each participant will likely spend outdoors.

SEEK APPLICATION: YOUTH SERVED

- Describe the K-12-aged (4 to 21yrs.) youth who will participate and be served through each program.
- Explain how target youth populations will be recruited to participate including outreach strategies.
- List any barriers that prevent participants from outdoor programming and how they will be addressed.
- Estimated number of youth who would be served.
- Anticipated % of children/youth in program whose families are low-income and/or are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.
- Describe how you will collect data about the youth served and outcomes achieved.

FUND APPLICATION SCHEDULE

Item	Date
Application Opens	Monday, October 18, 2021
Application Deadline	Thursday, November 18, 2021 5pm
Evaluation Period	November 19 – January 7, 2022
Applicants Notified	Monday, January 10, 2022

Funded by Reimbursement:

All funds will be distributed on a **reimbursement** basis. Fund awardees may request reimbursement only after they have paid their employees and vendors and reported on their use of funds.

FUNDING EVALUATION TIERS

Funding up to \$500,000

Applications will be scored and evaluated with similar population range applicants

Population Ranges
100-10,000
10,001 – 50,000
50,001 – 100,000
100,001 & Up

SEEK SCORING & CRITERIA

An advisory committee will evaluate and score all applications. 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.

PROGRAM DESIGN: 1-5 POINTS (X2)

Prioritize activities or programs that promote:

- Social connection
- Encourage physical activity
- Affordable, accessible to all

YOUTH SERVED: 1-5 POINTS (X3)

Engaging and involvement of school-aged youth who are:

- Underserved
- Disproportionately impacted by COVID-19
- Addressing access and equity for those who have previously had a more difficult time participating due to lower income level, 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 PTS.

- 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 well being of youth participants

FUNDING CONTRACT INFO

- **Model contract is available on website– modified from the 2021 version to address some common issues**
- **No revisions will be accepted to the model contract – please review in advance of applying and affirm that your agency can enter into the contract**
- **Some areas to note:**
 - Insurance requirements for the subcontractor and any third-party agents
 - Confidentiality section addressed PRA requirements
 - Paid on a reimbursement basis
 - All invoices and reports due by October 1, 2022
 - 10% of funds will be withheld until all reports are in
 - Reporting requirements in Attachment C



QUESTIONS?
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