

Project Citizen

1. **Purpose:** To provide professional development sessions to Washington State civics teachers giving them working knowledge of the Project Citizen curriculum from a teacher and student perspective; help prepare teachers to implement the program with their students; illustrate standards alignment of the program (WA/CCSS/C3) and explain the natural pair up for WA State assessment in civics.
2. **Description of services provided:** Schools that participated in Professional development opportunities received extensive insight and curricular material including full classroom sets of Project Citizen along with a teacher guide. Our professional trainers also serve as year long mentors available for follow-up guidance and excellent collaboration partners. We provide coaching and mentoring on Public Policy and how to effect change. This is a life skill all students should have.
3. **Criteria for receiving services and/or grants:** We provide textbooks and training for any teacher/district who will agree to teach Project Citizen to their students as long as we have the funds to do so. We do not discriminate, and any teacher whether public, private, rural, tribal, we are all inclusive to anyone who wants to learn and teach Project Citizen.

Beneficiaries in 2017-18 School Year:

# of School Districts:	10
# of Schools:	18
# of Students:	1286*approx.
Other:	20 additional school districts via Awareness Trainings i.e.

Civic Ed Day, Legislative Scholars and We the People trainings in Vancouver and Federal Way, WA.

of OSPI staff associated with this funding (FTEs): 00

of contractors/other staff associated with this funding: 00

FY18 Funding:	State Appropriation:	\$50,000
	Federal Appropriation:	\$0.0
	Other fund sources:	\$0.0
	TOTAL (FY18)	\$50,000

4. **Are federal or other funds contingent on state funding? If yes, explain.** Yes. If state funds are not available, we cannot do this work.
5. **State funding history:**

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
FY18	\$50,000	\$50,000
FY17	\$25,000	\$25,000
FY16	\$25,000	\$25,000
FY15	\$25,000	\$25,000
FY14	\$25,000	\$25,000
FY13	\$25,000	\$25,000
FY12	\$25,000	\$25,000
FY11	\$12,000	\$12,000
FY10	\$25,000	\$25,000

6. **Number of beneficiaries (e.g., schools, students, districts) history:**

Fiscal Year	# of Teachers trained/texts given	# of School Districts	# of students receiving program
FY18	28	10	1286

Fiscal Year	# of Awareness Trainings	# of School Districts
FY18	7	15

Additionally, we support approximately 3000 students annually who are in attendance in active Project Citizen classrooms. Their teachers are past recipients of training and textbooks. They are the backbone of our program and aid in helping us recruit new and replacement teachers.

7. **Programmatic changes since inception (if any):**
8. **Evaluations of program/major findings:** Evaluations received from participating teachers are overwhelmingly positive. They see the value of our curriculum, not only limited to civics education but also to foster teamwork, effective research strategy development, and public speaking confidence. This program fills the participatory learning project requirement.
9. **Major challenges faced by the program:** Need to reduce the massive amount of recruitment time. Would also like to find a direct channel to share training opportunities to teachers state-wide.
10. **Future opportunities:** We are excited to be expanding our training session opportunities to the East side of the State. This will not only help in curbing transportation expense for participants, but also open those rural districts not serviced by West coast trainings. We feel the East side has been underserved due to many school district challenges.
11. **Statutory and/or Budget language:**

Budget Proviso: SSB 5883, Sec. 501 (10) - \$50,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year 2018 and \$50,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal year 2019 are

provided solely for project citizen, a program sponsored by the national conference of state legislatures and the center for civic education to promote participation in government by school students.

12. **Other relevant information:**

13. **List of schools/districts receiving assistance:** See OSPI [website](#).

14. **Program Contact Information:**

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