



## *Pierce, King, Snohomish Opportunity Youth*

### 1. **Purpose:**

The funding in this proviso is passed through directly to Northwest Education Access (NWEA) [formerly Seattle Education Access] in order to provide comprehensive and individualized support to assist traditionally underrepresented students to build their own path to higher education and beyond. NWEA is a nonprofit organization serving youth in Pierce and Snohomish counties.

### 2. **Description of services provided:**

Built and maintained 15 partnerships in Pierce County and Snohomish County collectively with community and technical colleges and community-based organizations, both for referrals and resource mapping.

Met with partners to establish access points for youth reengaging in education to access services, including specific referral requirements, timelines for accessing education programming, and supplemental support programming

### 3. **Criteria for receiving services and/or grants:**

- Serve at least 825 students each year
- At least 60% of college prep students will either complete their high school credential or take a college entrance exam
- At least 65% of post-secondary students will remain enrolled year to year

#### **Beneficiaries in 2021-22 School Year:**

|                             |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Number of School Districts: | N/A                               |
| Number of Schools:          | N/A                               |
| Number of Students:         | 893                               |
| Number of Educators:        | N/A                               |
| Other:                      | 2 Counties (Pierce and Snohomish) |

**Number of OSPI staff associated with this funding (FTEs): 0**

**Number of contractors/other staff associated with this funding: 1**

**FY22 Funding:** State Appropriation: \$500,000  
Federal Appropriation: \$0  
Other Fund Sources: \$0  
TOTAL (FY22) \$500,000

**4. Are federal or other funds contingent on state funding?**

No

**5. State funding history:**

| <b>Fiscal Year</b> | <b>Amount Funded</b> | <b>Actual Expenditures</b> |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 2022               | \$500,000            | \$500,000                  |

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

| <b>Fiscal Year</b> | <b>Number of Schools</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| FY21               | 4                        |

**7. Programmatic changes since inception (if any):**

N/A

**8. Evaluations of program/major findings:**

Partnership development in Pierce County:

- Tacoma Community College (Workforce ED and Fresh Start)
- Clover Park Technical College
- Bates Technical College
- Goodwill
- Oasis Center
- Workforce Central
- Willie Stewart Academy
- College Housing Assistance Program
- Foundation for Tacoma Students
- Graduate Tacoma – Tacoma College Support Network
- REACH Center

Pierce County Totals:

Total Pierce County Students: 79

Active Pierce County Students 2021-2022: 50  
WIOA Enrolled: 24 Pierce County Students Starting Post-secondary: 12  
Pierce County Post-secondary Graduates: 6

Partnership development in Snohomish County:  
Latino Education & Training Initiative  
Cocoon House  
Edmonds College (EdCAP reengagement program)

Snohomish County Totals:  
Total Snohomish County Students: 31  
Active Snohomish County Students 2021-2022: 18  
Snohomish County Students Starting Post-secondary: 6  
Snohomish County Post-secondary Graduates: 3

Total NWEA:  
Total Students: 893  
Completed college placement exam: 128  
Started Post-secondary: 114  
Post-secondary Graduates: 66

**9. Major challenges faced by the program:**

N/A

**10. Future opportunities:**

N/A

**11. Statutory and/or budget language:**

ESSB 5693, Sec. 522(18) - \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2022 and \$500,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for the office of the superintendent of public instruction to contract with a nonprofit organization serving opportunity youth in Pierce, King and Snohomish counties. The organization must assist traditionally underrepresented students on nontraditional educational pathways by providing mentorship and technical assistance in navigating higher education and financial aid. The office may require the recipient of these funds to report the impacts of the efforts in alignment with the measures of the Washington school improvement framework.

**12. Other relevant information:**

N/A

### 13. Schools/districts receiving assistance:

See [OSPI's grantee list](#).

### 14. Program Contact Information:

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