



Childhood
Obesity
Prevention
Coalition

Building a Healthier Generation

FACT SHEET

HEALTHY KIDS, HEALTHY SCHOOLS GRANTS: BETTER NUTRITION - BETTER PHYSICAL ACTIVITY - BETTER LEARNERS

The legislature has appropriated two rounds of funding (\$7.25 million total) in the capital budget for the highly successful Healthy Kids, Healthy Schools grant. This grant program has helped schools remove barriers that hinder their ability to implement best practices and policies for improved student health and nutrition. The grants have been used for improvements or renovations to existing buildings, site improvements, and purchasing new equipment under the following categories:

- **Nutrition** - kitchen, cafeteria, gardens, greenhouses
- **Physical Education and Physical Activity** - playground equipment, covered play structures, indoor and outdoor equipment
- **Access To and Appeal of Drinking Water** - water bottle filling stations

THE PROBLEM: AN UNMET NEED

Schools play a significant role in helping kids develop healthy habits in their early, formative years. Over the last two biennia, almost \$28 million in funding has been requested with \$7.25 million being available. This shows an ongoing strong need from schools to increase and sustain funding for this grant program.

WHAT'S TO GAIN? BETTER HEALTH AND BETTER LEARNERS

If students have more access to clean drinking water, nutritious food, and quality physical education and physical activity they will have better health outcomes such as lower rates of obesity and reduced risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease and diabetes. Studies now show that better health also results in improved academic achievement. The legislature has made incredible investments in basic education in recent years. Re-investing in the Healthy Kids, Healthy Schools grants is a smart choice that will bolster these investments.

SOLUTIONS FOR WASHINGTON STATE

The legislature should renew funding for the Healthy Kids, Health Schools grants and make it an ongoing investment. Of the applications submitted in the first two rounds of grants, millions in requested grants could not be funded; not because there wasn't a need or their application was insufficient, but because there was not enough funding to meet the need.

We support \$6.75 million in funding in the Capital Budget for renewed and ongoing funding for the Healthy Kids, Healthy Schools grant program.

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