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Washington Office of Superintendent of
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
Chris Reykdal, Superintendent

September 22, 2025

The Honorable Bob Ferguson
Governor of Washington
PO Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Re: 2026 Supplemental K–12 Capital Budget Proposal

Dear Governor Ferguson:

A high-quality public education requires safe, effective classrooms and adequate learning spaces. Issues from lead in our children's drinking water to the lack of seismically safe infrastructure in our schools continue to threaten the health and safety of our students and school staff. Communities and lawmakers have been working together to mitigate these risks and have made significant progress; however, the state's current grant programs that aim to address these issues continue to exacerbate inequities, particularly between school districts that can raise sufficient local capital funding and those that cannot.

Every student in Washington deserves to learn in a facility that is healthy, safe, and supportive. To that end, I am elevating to you the most immediate building and facilities needs of Washington's K–12 education system for your consideration and for inclusion in your 2026 Supplemental K–12 Capital Budget proposal.

The state's Capital Budget provides resources for the necessary and essential construction and modernization of school facilities to address new and longstanding health and safety concerns. The largest of the state's investments is in the School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP), which supports school districts that are able to secure local capital funding. Despite the Legislature's progress in recent years, this program has been significantly underfunded for decades, meaning the list of outstanding projects is long, and inadequate facilities continue to negatively impact students across the state.

Today, the average construction cost in Washington is about \$900 per square foot, yet SCAP provides only \$375, less than half the actual cost, leaving local communities to make up the

difference. Insufficient state funding exacerbates existing inequities between the state's wealthier communities and those that are less resourced, with some districts to able to afford construction of modern, high-quality schools, while others continue to see their students stuck in outdated facilities that often fail to meet current health, energy, or seismic standards.

My 2026 Supplemental Capital Budget proposal takes into consideration our state's current financial constraints and targets two urgent health and safety issues alongside longstanding facility needs.

My key priorities include:

- **Seismic Safety:** Continued funding for the School Seismic Safety Program, including seismic retrofits, building relocations, and tsunami tower installations for vulnerable coastal schools.
- **Small District Modernization:** Continued funding for the Small District Modernization Grant Program to complete ongoing projects and cover planning grants that were not funded in the 2025–27 biennial budget.
- **Healthy Schools:** Continued funding for the Healthy Kids–Healthy Schools Lead in Water Remediation Grant Program to fund facility remediations, installing certified water filters, or adding bottle-filling stations.

Public education is Washington state's paramount duty, and students and families deserve to see that promise reflected in their school buildings. Instead, we expect our children to thrive while they are exposed to lead in school drinking water; sitting in rooms that were not built to withstand earthquakes; and spending some or all of their K–12 years in buildings that don't adequately filter wildfire smoke in the fall, freeze in the winter, and are sweltering by late spring.

As you partner with lawmakers to steward state resources, I implore you to support this short list of investments in the very foundation and infrastructure of our K–12 system.

Sincerely,



Chris Reykdal
Superintendent of
Public Instruction

350 - Superintendent of Public Instruction Ten Year Capital Plan by Project Class

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Project Class: Grant/Loan

Agency Priority	Project by Account-EA Type	Estimated Total	Prior Expenditures	Current Expenditures	Reapprop 2025-27	New Approp 2025-27	Estimated 2027-29	Estimated 2029-31	Estimated 2031-33	Estimated 2033-35
1	40000339 Small District and State Tribal Education Compact Schools Mod									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	130,664,000				130,664,000				
2	40000342 School Seismic Safety Grant Program									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	49,982,000				49,982,000				
3	40000341 Healthy Kids-Healthy Schools – Lead In Water Remediation									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	2,500,000				2,500,000				
Total: Grant/Loan		183,146,000				183,146,000				

Total Account Summary

Account-Expenditure Authority Type	Estimated Total	Prior Expenditures	Current Expenditures	Reapprop 2025-27	New Approp 2025-27	Estimated 2027-29	Estimated 2029-31	Estimated 2031-33	Estimated 2033-35
057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	183,146,000				183,146,000				

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Project Classification	*	All Project Classifications
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Project Number: 40000339

Project Title: Small District and State Tribal Education Compact Schools Mod

Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2026

Project Class: Grant/Loan

Agency Priority: 1

Project Summary

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) requests \$130.7 million to support the Small District Modernization Grant Program (SDM), administered within the School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP). The Legislature authorized the SDM program with the passage of Senate Bill 5572 (Chapter 299, Laws of 2020). This program assists school districts with fewer than 1,000 students, as well as state-tribal education compact schools (STECs), in modernizing aging school facilities to ensure safe, effective, and equitable learning environments.

Project Description

The Small District and State-Tribal Compact Schools Modernization Program was established through SSSB 5572 during the 2020 Legislative Session to provide competitive grants to small school districts and tribal compact schools with significant building system deficiencies. The program specifically supports districts where low property values make it financially impractical to modernize or replace school facilities through the School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP), either because the tax burden on property owners would be extraordinary or because the costs would exceed allowable district debt limits.

In OSPI's 2025–27 capital budget request, a total of 56 construction projects were submitted, with an estimated cost of \$302.28 million, along with 113 planning grant requests totaling \$3.643 million. The Legislature approved funding for 32 of the construction projects (\$174.45 million) and 13 of the planning grants (\$0.53 million). This 2026 supplemental capital budget request seeks funding for the remaining 23 construction projects (\$127.3 million) and 100 planning grants (\$3.4 million).

The SDM program provides grants in two phases. Phase 1 awards planning grants that allow districts to hire professional consultants and cost estimators to develop project descriptions, define the scope of work, and prepare reliable cost estimates. Phase 2 provides construction funding for projects that have completed the planning process and demonstrated readiness to proceed.

What will the request produce or construct (i.e., predesign or design of a building, construction of additional space, etc.)?

The Small District Modernization Grant Program provides funding for building system replacements and repairs in districts with significant facility deficiencies and such low property values that modernization or replacement through the SCAP would either impose an extraordinary tax burden on property owners or exceed the district's allowable debt capacity. The program also extends funding opportunities to tribal compact schools through state general obligation bonds.

How would the request address the problem or opportunity identified by your proposed project? What would be the result of not taking action?

Many school districts face significant barriers in raising local funds for school modernization. Some are constrained by limited debt capacity relative to the high costs of modernization projects, while others are unable to meet the 60 percent super majority vote required to approve construction bonds. As a result, these districts cannot meaningfully participate in the School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP), which requires a substantial local funding contribution. The Small District Modernization Grant Program addresses this gap by funding building system replacements and repairs in districts with significant facility deficiencies and low property values, where modernization through SCAP would either impose an extraordinary tax burden on property owners or exceed the district's allowable debt capacity.

What alternatives were explored? Why was the recommended alternative chosen? Be prepared to provide detailed cost backup. If this project has an associated predesign, please summarize the alternatives the predesign considered.

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Description

Alternatives include allowing districts that cannot pass a bond or levy to participate in the SCAP program or making direct appropriations to school districts via the capital budget. The Small District Modernization Grant Program provides an established process for districts to pursue capital funding based on severity of need.

Which clientele would be impacted by the budget request? Where and how many units would be added, people or communities served, etc.

The Small District Modernization Grant program provides funding to small school districts (with fewer than 1,000 students) and state tribal compact schools to replace critical building systems and preserve existing school infrastructure.

Does this project or program leverage non-state funding? If yes, how much by source? If the other funding source requires cost share, also include the minimum state (or other) share of project cost allowable and the supporting citation or documentation.

Non-state funds will not be used to complete the projects.

Describe how this project supports the agency's strategic master plan or would improve agency performance. Reference feasibility studies, master plans, space programming, and other analyses as appropriate.

This project supports Superintendent Reykdal's K-12 Education Vision of his goal for Washington's public education system to prepare every student who walks through our school doors for post-secondary aspirations, careers, and life.

Does this decision package include funding for any Information Technology related costs including hardware, software (to include cloud-based services), contracts or staff? If the answer is yes, you will be prompted to attach a complete IT addendum. (See Chapter 10 of the operating budget instructions for additional requirements.)

N/A

If the project is linked to the Puget Sound Action Agenda, describe the impacts on the Action Agenda, including expenditure and FTE detail. See Chapter 14 (Puget Sound Recovery and Governor's Salmon Strategy) in the 2025-27 Operating Budget Instructions.

N/A

How is your proposal impacting equity in the state? Which communities are impacted by this proposal? Include both demographic and geographic communities. How are disparities in communities impacted?

The Small District Modernization Grant Program provides funding for building system replacements and repairs in districts with significant facility deficiencies and such low property values that modernization or replacement through the School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) would either impose an extraordinary tax burden on property owners or exceed the district's allowable debt capacity. The program also extends funding opportunities to tribal education compact schools; however, no additional funding is requested at this time, as the Legislature fully funded their project requests in the 2025-27 capital budget.

How does this project contribute to meeting the greenhouse gas emissions limits established in RCW 70A.45.050, clean buildings performance standards in RCW 19.27A.210, or other statewide goals to reduce carbon pollution and/or

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Description**improve energy efficiency?**

The projects will meet OSPI's Washington Sustainable Schools Protocol. In addition, the SDM grant program funds many HVAC system replacements which will assist small districts in meeting clean building performance standards.

Is this project eligible for Direct Pay? If the answer is yes, you must include this project to the list of direct pay projects and information for submittal (see Chapter 1.7 of the capital budget instructions for additional instructions).

N/A

Location

City: Olympia

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

Project Type

Grants - Competitive

Grant Recipient Organization: Local School Districts**RCW that establishes grant:** 28A.525.159**Application process used**

OSPI will continue to offer a competitive grant funding process to ensure all small school districts and STECS have an opportunity to apply for grant funds.

Growth Management impacts

School districts are responsible for determining whether and how they need to participate in the planning process with the city or county planning authority.

Funding

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropriations	New Appropriations
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	130,664,000				130,664,000
	Total	130,664,000	0	0	0	130,664,000
Future Fiscal Periods						
		2027-29	2029-31	2031-33	2033-35	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
	Total	0	0	0	0	

Operating Impacts**No Operating Impact****Narrative**

Capital grants only and does not impact the operating budget.

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2026 Supplemental Small District Modernization Grants - Construction Grants

Priority Rank	Legislative District	School District	Brief Project Description	2026 Supplemental Request
1	Legislative District 13	Thorp	HVAC, Main Structural Frame, Roofs	4,832,000
2	Legislative District 14	Glenwood	HVAC, Electrical Systems, Building Automation Systems	6,000,000
3	Legislative District 20	Green Mountain	HVAC, Main Structural Frame, Exterior Walls	6,000,000
4	Legislative District 24	Chimacum	HVAC, Roofs, Building Automation Systems	6,000,000
5	Legislative District 12	Skykomish	HVAC, Plumbing Systems, Electrical Systems	6,000,000
6	Legislative District 24	North Beach	Exterior Walls, Roofs, Electrical Systems	6,000,000
7	Legislative District 7	Loon Lake	HVAC, Exterior Walls, Building Automation Systems	6,000,000
8	Legislative District 17	Goldendale	HVAC, Electrical Systems	6,000,000
9	Legislative District 13	Easton	HVAC, Exterior Walls, Roofs, Plumbing Systems	6,000,000
10	Legislative District 9	Palouse	HVAC, Electrical Systems, Building Automation Systems	6,000,000
11	Legislative District 19	Evaline	HVAC, Building Foundations, Main Structural Frame	6,000,000
12	Legislative District 17	Stevenson-Carson	HVAC, Exterior Walls, Roofs, Plumbing Systems	6,000,000
13	Legislative District 35	Pioneer	HVAC, Roofs, Building Automation Systems	6,000,000
14	Legislative District 39	Conway	HVAC, Main Structural Frame, Exterior Walls	6,000,000
15	Legislative District 35	Southside	Electrical Systems, Security Systems	458,000
16	Legislative District 9	Steptoe	HVAC, Electrical Systems, Building Automation Systems	6,000,000
17	Legislative District 9	Creston	HVAC, Exterior Walls, Plumbing Systems	6,000,000
18	Legislative District 6	Great Northern	Exterior Walls, Roofs, Interior Walls and Partitions	2,063,000
19	Legislative District 35	Griffin	HVAC, Exterior Walls, Roofs	6,000,000
20	Legislative District 9	LaCrosse	HVAC, Exterior Walls, Roofs	6,000,000
21	Legislative District 17	Mill A	HVAC, Exterior Walls, Interior Walls and Partitions	6,000,000
22	Legislative District 14	Roosevelt	HVAC, Exterior Walls, Roofs	5,957,000
23	Legislative District 9	Freeman	HVAC, Exterior Walls, Roofs	6,000,000
Total				127,310,000

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2026 Supplemental Small District Modernization Grants - Planning Grants

Priority Rank	Legislative District	School District	Brief Project Description	2026 Supplemental Request
1	Legislative District 7	Inchelium	HVAC,Exterior Walls,Interior Walls and Partitions	43,000
2	Legislative District 13	Kittitas	HVAC,Main Structural Frame	38,000
3	Legislative District 9	Washtucna	Exterior Walls,Interior Walls and Partitions,Security Systems	27,000
4	Legislative District 14	Mabton	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Plumbing Systems	43,000
5	Legislative District 7	Mansfield	Plumbing Systems,Security Systems,Interior Walls and Partitions	38,000
6	Legislative District 20	Napavine	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Electrical Systems	48,000
7	Legislative District 17	Goldendale	HVAC	32,000
8	Legislative District 9	Liberty	HVAC,Electrical Systems,Security Systems	48,000
9	Legislative District 9	Pomeroy	HVAC,Interior Walls and Partitions,Plumbing Systems	48,000
10	Legislative District 24	Lake Quinalt	Plumbing Systems,Interior Finishes and Decorations,Electrical Systems	27,000
11	Legislative District 7	Nespelem	HVAC,Electrical Systems,Security Systems	43,000
12	Legislative District 7	Orient	HVAC	32,000
13	Legislative District 9	Reardan-Edwall	HVAC,Roofs,Interior Walls and Partitions	38,000
14	Legislative District 12	Manson	HVAC,Roofs,Electrical Systems	38,000
15	Legislative District 24	Chimacum	HVAC,Roofs,Security Systems	32,000
16	Legislative District 9	Davenport	HVAC,Roofs,Electrical Systems	38,000
17	Legislative District 9	Harrington	HVAC,Electrical Systems,Security Systems	43,000
18	Legislative District 24	Cape Flattery	HVAC,Exterior Walls,Plumbing Systems	38,000
19	Legislative District 10	La Conner	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Roofs	48,000
20	Legislative District 7	Mary Walker	HVAC,Exterior Walls,Roofs	48,000
21	Legislative District 7	Keller	Main Structural Frame,Roofs,Security Systems	27,000
22	Legislative District 14	Glenwood	HVAC,Building Foundations,Exterior Walls	38,000
23	Legislative District 9	Lind	Interior Walls and Partitions,Security Systems,	27,000
24	Legislative District 9	Tekoa	Main Structural Frame,Roofs,Interior Walls and Partitions	27,000
25	Legislative District 9	Palouse	Main Structural Frame,Interior Walls and Partitions,Electrical Systems	32,000
26	Legislative District 7	Waterville	HVAC,Interior Walls and Partitions,	32,000
27	Legislative District 13	Soap Lake	HVAC,Roofs,Security Systems	38,000
28	Legislative District 35	Hood Canal	Main Structural Frame,Exterior Walls,Electrical Systems	27,000
29	Legislative District 17	Trout Lake	HVAC,Interior Walls and Partitions,Electrical Systems	32,000
30	Legislative District 2	Rainier	HVAC,Security Systems,Interior Finishes and Decorations	32,000
31	Legislative District 14	Mount Adams	HVAC,Interior Walls and Partitions,Security Systems	32,000
32	Legislative District 24	North Beach	Main Structural Frame,Electrical Systems,Security Systems	22,000
33	Legislative District 7	Orondo	Plumbing Systems,Fire Protection Systems,Security Systems	22,000
34	Legislative District 12	Skykomish	HVAC,Plumbing Systems,Security Systems	32,000
35	Legislative District 19	Pe Ell	Main Structural Frame, Roofs	27,000
36	Legislative District 7	Cusick	HVAC,Exterior Walls,Interior Walls and Partitions	27,000
37	Legislative District 7	Chewelah	Exterior Walls,Interior Walls and Partitions,Plumbing Systems	35,000
38	Legislative District 19	North River	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Exterior Walls	35,000
39	Legislative District 19	Raymond	HVAC,Electrical Systems,Security Systems	38,000
40	Legislative District 19	McCleary	HVAC,Electrical Systems,Security Systems	38,000
41	Legislative District 24	Crescent	HVAC,Exterior Walls,Roofs	27,000
42	Legislative District 40	Lopez Island	HVAC,Exterior Walls,Security Systems	32,000
43	Legislative District 7	Bridgeport	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Exterior Walls	27,000
44	Legislative District 39	Darrington	HVAC,Electrical Systems,Security Systems	32,000
45	Legislative District 14	Wellpinit	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Electrical Systems	38,000
46	Legislative District 17	Mill A	Roofs,Interior Walls and Partitions,Security Systems	22,000
47	Legislative District 9	Endicott	HVAC,Interior Walls and Partitions,Plumbing Systems	38,000
48	Legislative District 7	Selkirk	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Electrical Systems	38,000
49	Legislative District 16	Waitsburg	HVAC,Interior Walls and Partitions,Electrical Systems	32,000
50	Legislative District 14	Lyle	HVAC,Electrical Systems,Security Systems	32,000
51	Legislative District 20	Morton	Interior Walls and Partitions,Security Systems,	24,000
52	Legislative District 14	Centerville	HVAC,Exterior Walls,Electrical Systems	43,000
53	Legislative District 9	Steptoe	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Roofs	27,000
54	Legislative District 19	Wahkiakum	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Security Systems	32,000
55	Legislative District 10	Coupeville	HVAC,Exterior Walls,Electrical Systems	38,000
56	Legislative District 24	Queets-Clearwater	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Interior Walls and Partitions	38,000
57	Legislative District 39	Conway	HVAC,Interior Finishes and Decorations	32,000
58	Legislative District 19	Winlock	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Security Systems	32,000
59	Legislative District 9	Creston	Main Structural Frame	22,000
60	Legislative District 20	Toutle Lake	HVAC,Electrical Systems,Security Systems	38,000
61	Legislative District 17	Mount Pleasant	HVAC,Electrical Systems,Security Systems	38,000
62	Legislative District 20	Onalaska	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,	27,000
63	Legislative District 19	Ocean Beach	HVAC,Electrical Systems,Security Systems	32,000
64	Legislative District 20	Mossyrock	HVAC	27,000
65	Legislative District 7	Grand Coulee Dam	HVAC,Exterior Walls,Interior Walls and Partitions	32,000
66	Legislative District 35	Mary M Knight	HVAC,Exterior Walls,Interior Walls and Partitions	32,000
67	Legislative District 19	South Bend	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Security Systems	32,000
68	Legislative District 20	Toledo	HVAC,Electrical Systems,	27,000
69	Legislative District 12	Index	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Security Systems	27,000
70	Legislative District 14	Finley	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Roofs	38,000
71	Legislative District 24	Quilcene	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Plumbing Systems	38,000
72	Legislative District 16	Columbia (Walla Walla)	HVAC,Electrical Systems,Security Systems	32,000
73	Legislative District 19	Ocosta	HVAC,Interior Finishes and Decorations,	27,000
74	Legislative District 24	Satsop	Building Foundations,Exterior Walls,Roofs	35,000
75	Legislative District 19	Boistfort	Main Structural Frame,Exterior Walls,Plumbing Systems	32,000
76	Legislative District 9	Ritzville	Interior Walls and Partitions,Security Systems,	22,000
77	Legislative District 14	Klickitat	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Electrical Systems	38,000
78	Legislative District 16	Touchet	HVAC,Electrical Systems,Security Systems	38,000
79	Legislative District 7	Curlew	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Exterior Walls	27,000
80	Legislative District 14	Wishram	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Plumbing Systems	38,000
81	Legislative District 9	Odessa	HVAC,Roofs,Plumbing Systems	38,000
82	Legislative District 19	Willapa Valley	HVAC,Electrical Systems,Security Systems	35,000
83	Legislative District 7	Northport	Electrical Systems	22,000
84	Legislative District 13	Cle Elum-Roslyn	HVAC,Electrical Systems,Security Systems	32,000
85	Legislative District 9	Sprague	Main Structural Frame,Interior Walls and Partitions,Security Systems	27,000
86	Legislative District 16	Kahlotus	HVAC,Electrical Systems,Security Systems	38,000
87	Legislative District 17	Skamania	HVAC,Electrical Systems,Security Systems	38,000
88	Legislative District 39	Concrete	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Roofs	32,000
89	Legislative District 19	Adna	HVAC,Interior Walls and Partitions,Electrical Systems	43,000
90	Legislative District 4	Orchard Prairie	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Exterior Walls	27,000
91	Legislative District 9	Oakesdale	HVAC,Plumbing Systems,Electrical Systems	32,000
92	Legislative District 19	Evaline	Main Structural Frame,Exterior Walls,Interior Walls and Partitions	32,000
93	Legislative District 16	Prescott	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Interior Walls and Partitions	32,000
94	Legislative District 40	San Juan Island	HVAC,Exterior Walls,Security Systems	32,000
95	Legislative District 35	Pioneer	Security Systems,Plumbing Systems,Interior Walls and Partitions	27,000
96	Legislative District 35	Southside	Electrical Systems,Security Systems,Interior Finishes and Decorations	43,000
97	Legislative District 14	Paterson	HVAC,Interior Walls and Partitions,Electrical Systems	32,000
98	Legislative District 31	Carbonado	HVAC,Interior Walls and Partitions,Electrical Systems	40,000
99	Legislative District 35	Grapeview	HVAC,Main Structural Frame,Interior Walls and Partitions	27,000
100	Legislative District 40	Shaw Island	HVAC,Exterior Walls,Interior Walls and Partitions	32,000
Total				3,354,000

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Project Number: 40000342

Project Title: School Seismic Safety Grant Program

Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2026

Project Class: Grant/Loan

Agency Priority: 2

Project Summary

In the 2022 legislative session, the Legislature enacted Substitute Senate Bill 5933, establishing the School Seismic Safety Program. This program provides grants to school districts and state tribal education compact schools (STECs) to support the costs of retrofitting or relocating facilities located in high seismic risk areas or tsunami hazard zones. This funding request of \$49.9 million will support a pilot initiative focused on addressing seismic vulnerabilities in unreinforced masonry school buildings and advancing seismic safety projects that have already received planning grant funding, enabling them to proceed into the design and construction phases during the 2027–29 biennium.

Project Description

In the 2022 legislative session, the Legislature enacted Substitute Senate Bill 5933 (SSB 5933), which established the School Seismic Safety Program. The program provides grants to school districts and state tribal education compact schools (STECs) to cover the costs of retrofitting or relocating schools located in high seismic hazard areas or tsunami zones. Since the program's passage, the Legislature has appropriated funding to address seismic and tsunami risks in schools. This request of \$49.9 million seeks to continue funding planning and design grants that will help schools mitigate these risks and protect students and staff.

Under SSB5933, schools may apply for planning and construction grants to relocate facilities in tsunami zones, undertake seismic retrofits, or construct vertical evacuation towers. Grant funding covers at least two-thirds of the total project costs, including direct and indirect costs such as land acquisition. All projects must also qualify for the School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP).

In consultation with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's (OSPI) School Seismic Safety Committee (SSSC), initial funding priorities have been directed to schools that face both seismic and tsunami risks. Many of these schools are located along the Pacific coast and in Grays Harbor County. This funding request will allow OSPI to provide planning grants to school districts and STECs in these areas. The grants will support risk assessments and the development of conceptual remediation designs. Once a district or STEC identifies a project and receives a grant, the proposal must be presented to the SSSC. The committee will review the project and, by majority vote, recommend whether the project should proceed to request construction funding. This process will enable districts to advance projects through planning and design, ensuring they are ready for construction in the 2027–29 biennium.

Projects will be funded in two planning phases. Phase one covers geotechnical evaluations and project management costs for proposed school relocations, seismic retrofits, or vertical evacuation towers. Phase two funds conceptual design, cost estimation, and project management for the proposed solution. The geotechnical data collected during phase one will guide the design to ensure remediation strategies adequately address identified seismic and tsunami risks. Once the remediation plan is complete, the project team will present it to the SSSC, which will then make a recommendation to OSPI on advancing the project to request full design and construction funding.

Projects recommended by the SSSC and approved by OSPI will be prioritized for construction grants. Construction funding may include land acquisition, design, and other direct and indirect project costs. By statute, grants will fund at least two-thirds of total project costs, with no maximum limit. Requests for additional funding above the two-thirds threshold will be presented to the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (CPARB), which will make recommendations to OSPI for final funding decisions.

This \$49.9 million request will provide grant funding for projects identified on the attached priority list. These projects include schools at high risk of both seismic and tsunami hazards, as prioritized in consultation with the SSSC. The request also includes funding to address unreinforced masonry buildings currently used for instruction, which represent a significant seismic

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Description

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Describe how this project supports the agency's strategic master plan or would improve agency performance. Reference feasibility studies, master plans, space programming, and other analyses as appropriate.

This project supports Superintendent Reykdal's K-12 Education Vision of his goal for Washington's public education system to prepare every student who walks through our school doors for post-secondary aspirations, careers, and life.

Does this project include IT-related costs, including hardware, software, cloud-based services, contracts, or IT staff?

This proposal does not include costs for information technology related costs.

If the project is linked to the Puget Sound Action Agenda, describe the impacts on the Action Agenda, including expenditure and FTE detail.

This proposed project will not impact the Puget Sound Action Agenda.

How does this project contribute to meeting the greenhouse gas emissions limits established in RCW 70A.45.050, Clean Buildings performance standards in RCW 19.27A.210, or other statewide goals to reduce carbon pollution and/or improve energy efficiency? Please elaborate.

The relocation and replacement projects funding by this grant program will meet OSPI's Washington Sustainable Schools Protocol. In addition, many of the schools identified are at the end of their useful life or are close to the age eligibility requirements for replacement through SCAP. The schools replaced or retrofitted will meet current building codes which will decrease energy use and carbon pollution.

How is your proposal impacting equity in the state? Which communities are impacted by this proposal? Include both demographic and geographic communities. How are disparities in communities impacted?

The projects requesting funding include schools that serve significant populations of students of color and students from lower-income households. These projects are located in areas designated as distressed by the Department of Employment Security. Funding these projects will enable communities to replace outdated school facilities with modern buildings that not only mitigate seismic and tsunami risks but also meet current educational standards.

Is this project eligible for Direct Pay? If the answer is yes, you must include this project to the list of direct pay projects and information for submittal (see Chapter 1.7 of the capital budget instructions for additional instructions).

The proposed projects in this request do not meet the eligibility for direct pay.

Location

City: Olympia

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

Project Type

Grants - Competitive

350 - Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Project Number: 40000342

Project Title: School Seismic Safety Grant Program

Description

Grant Recipient Organization: Local School Districts and State Tribal Education Compact Schools

RCW that establishes grant: 28A.525.320

Application process used

OSPI will use the grant application process recommended by the SSSC as required by SSB 5933.

Growth Management impacts

School districts are responsible for determining whether and how they need to participate in the planning process with the city or county planning authority.

Funding

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropriates	New Appropriates
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	49,982,000				49,982,000
	Total	49,982,000	0	0	0	49,982,000
Future Fiscal Periods						
		2027-29	2029-31	2031-33	2033-35	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
	Total	0	0	0	0	

Operating Impacts

No Operating Impact

Narrative

Capital grants only and does not impact the operating budget.

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Agency	350	350
Version	S1-A	S1-A
Project Classification	*	All Project Classifications
Capital Project Number	40000342	40000342
Sort Order	Project Priority	Priority
Include Page Numbers	Y	Yes
For Word or Excel	N	N
User Group	Agency Budget	Agency Budget
User Id	*	All User Ids

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
2026 Supplemental - School Seismic Safety Program

School District	Project	2026 Request
North Beach	North Beach Junior/Senior High	
	Phase 3 - Design	\$ 5,000,000
Hoquiam	Hoquiam JR/SR High School - Consolidation	
	Phase 3 - Design	\$ 14,520,000
	Hoquiam K-6 Consolidation	
	Phase 3 - Design	\$ 8,900,000
Ocean Beach	Ilwaco Middle & High School - Consolidation	
	Phase 3 - Design	\$ 5,140,000
	Elementary Seismic Mitigation Planning	
	Phase 2 - Conceptual Design	\$ 3,422,000
Aberdeen	Site 4 - Stevens Elementary Relocation	
	Phase 3 - Design	\$ 3,000,000
Unreinforced Masonry Buildings	Pilot Program	
		\$ 10,000,000
Total		\$ 49,982,000

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Project Number: 40000341

Project Title: Healthy Kids-Healthy Schools – Lead In Water Remediation

Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2026

Project Class: Grant/Loan

Agency Priority: 3

Project Summary

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) requests \$2.5 million to continue the Healthy Kids–Healthy Schools Lead in Water Remediation Grant Program. In the 2025–27 capital budget, the Legislature appropriated \$1.0 million for this program, which has been fully allocated to school districts for lead remediation projects as of September 2025. The additional funding requested will allow the program to continue providing grants to districts to address outstanding lead in water remediation needs.

Project Description

The Healthy Kids–Healthy Schools Grant Program supports Washington’s efforts to create healthy learning environments that help children maintain a healthy weight, stay active, and develop lifelong healthy eating habits. First funded in the 2015–17 Biennial Capital Budget, the program has provided grants for projects such as installing water bottle filling stations and making facility renovations to improve student health. In subsequent biennia, funding has also supported the replacement of lead-contaminated drinking water fixtures, as well as fixture and pipe replacement projects.

The Legislature has consistently supported this program through capital budget appropriations in recent biennia. This 2026 supplemental capital budget request would continue that commitment by funding projects aligned with the Healthiest Next Generation Initiative and Superintendent Reykdal’s priority of supporting the whole child.

Remediation of Lead: \$2.5 Million

During the 2021 legislative session, ESSHB 1139 was enacted, requiring all schools built before 2016 to have their drinking water outlets tested for lead by the Department of Health (DOH). As DOH expands testing and makes results publicly available, school districts will increasingly require funding to address identified lead contamination. Remediation measures may include replacing fixtures in schools that test above 5 parts per billion, replacing pipes that carry drinking water, installing automated flushing systems for water fountains and sinks, and adding certified water filters or bottle-filling stations.

The need for continued funding is well established. In the 2019–21 biennium, the grant program had to be closed after awarding funds to just nine districts due to limited resources. In the 2023–25 biennium, OSPI awarded grants to 19 school districts, including one that successfully completed a pipe replacement project after testing confirmed contamination in the water lines.

In the 2025–27 capital budget, the Legislature provided \$1.0 million for this program, which is expected to be fully allocated to school districts by September 2025. Looking ahead, the Department of Health plans to test more than 260 schools during the 2025–26 school year and an additional 260 schools in 2026–27. To meet the anticipated remediation needs identified through this testing, OSPI requests \$2.5 million in the 2026 supplemental capital budget to continue supporting school districts with lead in drinking water remediation projects.

Identify the problem or opportunity addressed. Why is the request a priority? This narrative should identify unserved/underserved people or communities, operating budget savings, public safety improvements or other backup necessary to understand the need for the request. For preservation projects, it is helpful to include information about the current condition of the facility or system.

The grant awards made to school districts will help build safer and healthier schools and learning environments in the state of

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Description

Washington. The improvements made by this program address multiple student health concerns by targeting specific facility improvements. Students have better access to lead-free water which will support a better learning experience.

What will the request produce or construct (i.e., predesign or design of a building, construction of additional space, etc.)? When will the project start and be completed? Identify whether the project can be phased, and if so, which phase is included in the request. Please provide detailed cost backup.

This request will help build healthy schools and learning environments in the state of Washington. The grants awarded under this program will enable students to have better access to safer drinking water for a better learning experience.

How would the request address the problem or opportunity identified by your proposed project? What would be the result of not taking action?

The Superintendent supports this grant program due to the strong demand from school districts and in support of the Governor's Healthiest Next Generation Initiative. The grants awarded will help schools provide access to fresh drinking water. The funding enables schools to address and remedy health concerns such as lead in drinking water fixtures. Not funding the program would result in a significant setback to schools in providing a safe learning environment where healthy lifestyle choices can be made and inculcated.

What alternatives were explored? Why was the recommended alternative chosen? Be prepared to provide detailed cost backup. If this project has an associated predesign, please summarize the alternatives the predesign considered.

This option is the best alternative since it provides state funds aimed toward making our schools healthier and improving learning environments without requiring school districts to rely on voter-approved capital levies or bonds. Local levy and bond funding is not a dependable or reliable funding source for these important programs to ensure our students have the healthiest, safest learning environments possible.

Which clientele would be impacted by the budget request? Where and how many units would be added, people or communities served, etc.

All the public schools, including charter schools and state-tribal education compact schools will be better equipped to carry out the Healthiest Next Generation Initiative. They will be able to reduce environmental pollutants and safety concerns in their buildings.

Does this project or program leverage non-state funding? If yes, how much by source? If the other funding source requires cost share, also include the minimum state (or other) share of project cost allowable and the supporting citation or documentation.

Non-state funds will not be used to complete the project.

Describe how this project supports the agency's strategic master plan or would improve agency performance. Reference feasibility studies, master plans, space programming, and other analyses as appropriate.

This project supports Superintendent Reykdal's K-12 Education Vision of his goal for Washington's public education system to prepare every student who walks through our school doors for post-secondary aspirations, careers, and life.

Does this decision package include funding for any Information Technology related costs including hardware, software (to include cloud-based services), contracts or staff? If the answer is yes, you will be prompted to attach a complete IT addendum. (See Chapter 10 of the operating budget instructions for additional requirements.)

No.

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Description

If the project is linked to the Puget Sound Action Agenda, describe the impacts on the Action Agenda, including expenditure and FTE detail. See Chapter 14 (Puget Sound Recovery and Governor's Salmon Strategy) in the 2025-27 Operating Budget Instructions.

This project does not impact the Puget Sound Action Agenda.

How is your proposal impacting equity in the state? Which communities are impacted by this proposal? Include both demographic and geographic communities. How are disparities in communities impacted?

The applications for the 2023-25 biennium mostly included schools that were not equipped to provide a safe and healthy environment for their students using capital levies or bond dollars. Providing grant awards to such schools will help bring them on par with the other schools in the state and provide an equitable learning environment to all the students in the state of Washington.

How does this project contribute to meeting the greenhouse gas emissions limits established in RCW 70A.45.050, clean buildings performance standards in RCW19.27A.210, or other statewide goals to reduce carbon pollution and/or improve energy efficiency? Please elaborate. For buildings subject to the clean buildings performance standards, describe your compliance pathway for the building, and include information about energy audits, metering, and energy benchmarking.

NA

Is this project eligible for Direct Pay? If the answer is yes, you must include this project to the list of direct pay projects and information for submittal (see Chapter 1.7 of the capital budget instructions for additional instructions).

NA

Location

City: Olympia

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

Project Type

Grants - Competitive

Grant Recipient Organization: Local School Districts

RCW that establishes grant: 28.525

Application process used

OSPI will continue to offer a competitive grant funding process to ensure all school districts have an opportunity to apply for grant funds.

Growth Management impacts

N/A

Funding

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
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Funding

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			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropriates	New Appropriates
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	2,500,000				2,500,000
	Total	2,500,000	0	0	0	2,500,000

		Future Fiscal Periods			
		2027-29	2029-31	2031-33	2033-35
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State				
	Total	0	0	0	0

Operating Impacts

No Operating Impact

Narrative

Capital grants only and does not impact the operating budget.

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