

Washington State School Libraries iGrant Information

The \$4 allocated from the State Legislature during the past session is now ready to be applied for through the OSPI igrant website at <https://eds.ospi.k12.wa.us/iGrants/Default.aspx>. The application is due JULY 1st...so time is of the essence!

All public schools in Washington state are now able to apply for the funds. It is a short, simple form that requires the district to answer 3 questions and follow 3 basic guidelines:

Guidelines:

1. Ensure that the district will use the funds to maintain and improve library materials, collections and services.
2. Ensure that the funds will augment current funding for library programs provided through basic education and other existing funding sources.
3. Ensure that to the maximum extent possible library programs and services are equitably provided throughout the district.

Questions:

- Explain the district's plan to use these funds to augment the district's current library program(s).
- Describe how the funds will be used for library materials, collections, and services.
- Describe how library programs and services are equitably provided throughout the district to the maximum extent possible.

Now is the time to meet with your district supervisor and fellow district teacher-librarians and create a plan for making sure these funds are used to support student learning through your library programs.

Here are a couple of suggestions:

- 1: A district might pool the funds to target specific learning goals in the district, ie: purchasing a database that supports CBA work across the district, making a district purchase of books that meet CBA, Science or other curricular goals. The district would then track the student learning to collect data showing the impact on student learning.
- 2: A district might choose to provide funds to each building with a focus (CBA, Science, etc.) and allow building Teacher Librarians to make purchases that support the work in their buildings.
- 3: a district might choose to purchase online materials that are easily trackable so that student use can be easily documented.

We hope people will be willing to share plans they might have in their district. Send out your plan to the WLMA listserv so that others can learn from your great ideas! Again, time is running short and the application is due JULY 1!! Please don't let this money disappear!

If you have questions, please email:

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