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Statewide Impact

School districts across the state of Washington identified 39,671 K-12 students as experiencing homelessness during the 2015-16 academic year. The Homeless Students Stability and Opportunity Gap Act (HSSA) is an innovative state program that stabilizes students in both their classrooms and in their communities by providing competitive grants through the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Department of Commerce.

39,671
students

Educational Stability

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction provides \$785,000 worth of competitive grants to 39 school districts through the HSSA program. This doubled the amount of funding school districts can receive. The funds provide greater access to tutoring, supplies, early childhood education programs, and in school supports.

39
school districts

School-Housing Partnerships

The Department of Commerce provides \$1 million worth of competitive grants through the HSSA program. These funds expand school-housing partnerships to help identify and rapidly connect homeless students and their families with housing services in their communities. Funds can be used for rental assistance, emergency shelter, and case management. These grants are in high demand, with the Department of Commerce receiving 18 applications from across the state with a total request of \$5,170,905.

\$1M
in grants

2016–2017 School Districts that Received Homeless Student Stability Grants



2016-2017 Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Grant Recipients					
School District	Amount	School District	Amount	School District	Amount
Battle Ground	\$25,000	Federal Way	\$20,000	Selah	\$5,000
Bellevue	\$20,000	Granite Falls	\$15,000	Sequim	\$20,000
Bellingham	\$30,000	Kelso	\$20,000	SOAR Academy Charter	\$14,993
Bethel	\$30,000	Kent	\$30,000	South Kitsap	\$15,000
Blaine	\$15,000	Lake Stevens	\$15,000	South Whidbey	\$15,000
Bremerton	\$20,000	Marysville	\$25,000	Spokane	\$30,000
Burlington-Edison	\$15,000	North Beach	\$20,000	Tacoma	\$40,000
Chimacum	\$7,200	North Kitsap	\$15,000	Taholah	\$15,000
Darrington	\$7,500	North Mason	\$20,000	Tumwater	\$20,000
Deer Park	\$15,000	North Thurston	\$30,000	Vancouver	\$40,000
Enumclaw	\$20,000	Onion Creek	\$3,000	Wenatchee	\$25,000
Ephrata	\$14,030	Ridgefield	\$15,000	Wilson Creek	\$2,500
Evergreen (Clark)	\$40,000	Seattle	\$40,000	Woodland	\$15,000

2016-2017 Department of Commerce Grant Recipients		
School District	Community Partner	Amount
Bellingham	Opportunity Council and Northwest Youth Services	\$100,692
Everett	YWCA Seattle-King-Snohomish	\$198,750
Evergreen (Clark), Vancouver and Battle Ground	Council for the Homeless	\$500,000
Ocean Beach, South Bend and Raymond	Coastal Community Action Agency	\$200,558