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MEMORANDUM NO. 064-15M SCHOOL FACILITIES AND ORGANIZATION

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Assistant Superintendents
School Business Managers
School Facility Directors
Curriculum Directors, Science and STEM programs

FROM: Randy I. Dorn, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Information regarding the 2015–17 Capital Budget appropriation for STEM Grants

CONTACT: Scott Black, Program Development Manager, School Facilities and Organization, 360-725-6268, scott.black@k12.wa.us
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The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), School Facilities and Organization staff will conduct a K–20/Go to meeting briefing on Tuesday, November 17, at 1:00 p.m. to provide details about the 2015–17 Capital Budget funding for STEM grants. All school district administrators who wish to apply for a competitive grant should participate.

This legislative grant program was created to provide STEM grant award funding to school districts that can demonstrate a special housing burden due to lack of sufficient space for science classrooms and labs to enable students to meet the statutory graduation requirements. The grants constitute the districts local funding for purposes of eligibility for the School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP).

There is \$11,925,000 available in the grant and additional funding will be available to grant recipients through SCAP. Districts are limited to one application, but the application may request award funding for projects at multiple schools in the district. A district may not receive more than \$4,000,000 from this grant award.

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In order to be considered for this grant, districts will need to secure private donations of cash, like kind, or equipment of not less than \$100,000 and will need to have existing STEM faculty in place and qualified to deliver an interactive, project-based STEM curriculum in the proposed specialized STEM facilities or a plan and budget in place to recruit or train such STEM faculty.

Criteria for prioritizing projects will include, but will not be limited to: a districts ability to raise funds through levies or bonds in the prior 10 years, applicants with a high percentage of students who are eligible and enrolled in the free and reduced price meals program, and the extent that existing STEM facilities are inadequate.

The Stem Grant application in iGrants, form package 759 will be available to districts on November 16, 2015 and will close on January 28, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Legislation requires OSPI to contract with Washington STEM to develop criteria and review and prioritize application projects. Check for more information regarding the grant as it develops on the [OSPI School Facilities and Organization webpage](#). OSPI staff will provide information and answer questions about specific aspects of this grant program in the K–20 briefing.

If you would like to participate in the K–20 network briefing, please contact Kim Parsons at 360-725-4953 or kim.parsons@k12.wa.us.

For questions, or further information about the STEM grant program, contact Scott Black, Program Development Manager, 360-725-6268 or scott.black@k12.wa.us. OSPI's TTY number is 360-664-3631.

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