

## Healthy Youth Survey, AN

**Agency:** 350 Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**Budget Period:** 2013-15

### **Recommendation Summary Text:**

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) requests \$300,000 GF-State in the 2013-15 Biennium for the Healthy Youth Survey. This is a joint request with our partners Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and Washington State Department of Health (WDOH).

### **Fiscal Detail**

<b>Operating Expenditures</b>		<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>Total</b>
General Fund	001-01	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
<b>Total Cost</b>				

<b>Staffing</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>Annual Avg.</b>
<b>Total FTEs Requested</b>	0.5	0.5	0.5

### **Package Description**

#### **Background**

This package reflects the OSPI portion of a joint request from DOH, DSHS and OSPI for ongoing funding to continue conducting and using results from the Health Youth Survey (HYS). This proposal requests sustainable funding for the existing survey recruitment, data collection, analysis, report generation, and dissemination of findings.

Currently, the survey and its results are made available to all schools free of charge with the costs offset by the three state agencies. This survey is conducted every two years in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12, and is a collaborative effort of OSPI, DOH, DSHS, Department of Commerce, Liquor Control Board and the Family Policy Council. Approximately 250,000 public school students respond to the survey from across Washington State.

The HYS reports are used at multiple stakeholder levels for monitoring, planning, and evaluation purposes. For instance, this data helps school personnel to increase their attention to new or persistent problems, like the overuse of prescription drugs. The data reports help counties target areas for additional services and resources. At the agency level, this data is used to identify the highest risk communities or populations to improve the delivery of prevention and treatment services, and to monitor changes that the services are able to effect.

Historically, the above mentioned state agencies have contributed funding for this survey; however, with the elimination of the federal Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Program (OSPI and COM), elimination of the Tobacco Settlement funds (DOH - primary funding source), reduction in the federal block grant funding (DSHS), a reduction in the state Prevention

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and Intervention Services Program funding (OSPI) and elimination of the Family Policy Council, resources are no longer available to cover the costs and activities associated with the survey. Following the 2012 survey, there will not be adequate funding to continue work into future biennia.

Each of the three agencies, OSPI, DOH and DSHS, is requesting funds to cover 1/3 of the cost of the survey, \$300,000 per biennium, and a 0.5 FTE to serve as the survey coordinator in each agency. This is to replace both funding and staff that have been lost as a result of the budget cuts described above.

The pooled \$900,000 across all of the agencies will be used to support the following functions:

- \$500,000- continue existing contract to maintain the web-based school recruitment infrastructure, scan answer sheets, clean and analyze data, and produce survey reports at all meaningful aggregations (school building to state) and for different populations.
- \$225,000- support three half-time positions, one in each agency, to coordinate survey outreach, implementation, analysis, training, and dissemination of results.
- \$175,000- support community partners in survey recruitment, organization, result dissemination and training in how to access and use results.

### **Contact person**

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### **Narrative Justification and Impact Statement**

#### **What specific performance outcomes does the agency expect?**

Data from the HYS is widely used throughout the state to identify trends in the patterns of health behavior over time. The survey includes questions about perceptions of safety and violence in school, mental health, connectedness to school and community, interest in their education, grades, future plans, physical activity and diet, alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, and other risk and protective factors that look at school, individual/peer, community and family domains. The demographic indicators included in the survey allow for analyses to detect multiple patterns within the older youth population. Examples include disparities in nutrition, or the links between depression and alcohol abuse among some population groups.

The data also support inter-agency collaboration by developing common measures of youth health behaviors and risk factors.

### **Performance Measure Detail**

#### **Is this decision package essential to implement a strategy identified in the agency's strategic plan?**

The Healthy Youth Survey is a critical tool used by schools, districts, ESDs, County Departments of Health, state and local DSHS programs, as well as research agencies throughout the state. Data from the survey can be used to identify issues that are indicators of dropout such as

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alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, school safety, bullying and harassment, health-related issues, commitment to school, and others.

### **Does this decision package provide essential support to one of the Governor's priorities?**

This package supports the Governor's priority of education is the cornerstone of success for the children and the economy.

### **Does this decision package make key contributions to statewide results? Would it rate as a high priority in the Priorities of Government process?**

This decision package rates as a high priority in the Priorities of Government (POG) process for the 2013-15 Budget development under the strategy:

State government must achieve results through efficient and effective performance  
--Provide objective data and information for the public and elected decision makers

### **What are the other important connections or impacts related to this proposal?**

None

### **What alternatives were explored by the agency, and why was this alternative chosen?**

Historically, the survey has been funded through a partnership of multiple agencies and multiple funding streams that maximized existing resources. Because of the survey partnership, the survey methodology, funding and dissemination are extremely streamlined and efficient; however, as various funding streams are no longer available, it has been progressively more difficult to sustain the survey. Other funding options have been explored, but there are not sufficient federal, state or philanthropic resources to sustain the survey.

### **What are the consequences of not funding this package?**

If this package is not funded, the survey, results tool, and the infrastructure surrounding the survey work will be seriously degraded and possibly cancelled. The partners have received reduced funding over the last four years. With further reductions in the future, the survey is unsustainable.

### **What is the relationship, if any, to the state's capital budget?**

None

### **What changes would be required to existing statutes, rules, or contracts, in order to implement the change?**

None

### **Expenditure Calculations and Assumptions**

The total funding request is \$900,000 GF-State by OSPI, DOH, and DSHS. The OSPI portion is \$300,000 GF-State, with \$150,000 for each fiscal year.

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Which costs and functions are one time? Which are ongoing? What are the budget impacts in future biennia?

This is an ongoing request for funding for the HYS.

### Object Detail

		FY 2014	FY 2015	Total
A	Salary and Wages	\$29,000	\$29,000	\$58,000
B	Employee Benefits	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$18,000
C	Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0
E	Goods/Services	\$112,000	\$112,000	\$224,000
G	Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0
J	Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
N	Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Interagency Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Objects</b>		<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>

### Expenditures & FTEs by Program

Activity Inventory Item	Prog	Staffing			Operating Expenditures		
		FY 2012	FY 2013	Avg	FY 2014	FY 2015	Total
A023 Research and Data	010	0.5	0.5	0.5	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
<b>Total Activities</b>		<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>

### Six-Year Expenditure Estimates

Fund	11-13 Total	13-15 Total	15-17 Total
General Fund-State 001	\$9,219,000	\$9,219,000	\$9,219,000
<b>Expenditure Total</b>	<b>\$9,219,000</b>	<b>\$9,219,000</b>	<b>\$9,219,000</b>
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>