

Regional Challenge Grant: Overview

Key Facts

- WSAC received 80 applications requesting a total of \$69.4 million
- Two tiers of grants will be awarded:
 - Tier 1 – Partnership formation grants to entities focused on building new partnerships aimed at improving postsecondary attainment and career pathways:
 - 40 applications received; \$5.1 million requested
 - Applications spread widely across the state
 - Tier 2 – Implementation grants to established partnerships that are ready to test new strategies, expand efforts, or scale up to support more students:
 - 40 applications received; \$64.3 million requested
 - Applications concentrated in King, Pierce, and the Olympic Peninsula
- WSAC has only \$5.5 million available for grant awards at this time
- In alignment with the Letter of Interest (LOI), evaluation criteria included:
 - Authenticity of the regional partnership
 - Focus on equity
 - Strength of strategy
 - Resourcefulness of the partners

Approximate Total Applications and Amount Requested by Region/County

Region/County	*Amount	Applications
King County	\$20.0	20
Lewis, Clark, and Cowlitz Counties	\$10.4	8
Snohomish County	\$2.0	6
Thurston, Mason, and Grays Harbor Counties	\$7.3	8
Pierce County	\$5.2	7
Skagit, Whatcom, and Kitsap Counties	\$4.5	2
Yakima County	\$4.7	3
Stevens County and some rural areas in Cascades, Central, and Southwest	\$3.3	7
Olympic Peninsula	\$1.6	4
Pasco County and South-Central WA	\$1.7	6
Spokane County	\$3.7	3
Others Combined	\$5.0	6
Total	\$69.4	80

**Dollars in millions*

All [LOIs are available](#) for review online.