

EC Vending Machines Grant: Resources and Discussion

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Today's discussion

- **Overview of grant opportunity**, Ami Magisos, WSAC
- **EC and models for colleges:** Kelly Cleland, AS for EC
 - What is EC?
 - Models from other colleges
 - Resources for planning
 - WA policy clarifications - Department of Health
- **Student perspectives on planning and implementation:** Kels Cook, UW Seattle, author of budget proviso
- **Q&A**



Washington State Proviso

- **Goal:** Student and staff access to vending machines “stocked with emergency contraceptive medication and other forms of contraception, including condoms”
- **Location:** “Discreet and geographically accessible locations, such as gender-neutral restrooms and student union buildings, and locations that are accessible on weekends and after 5:00pm.”
- **Grant pool:** Up to \$10,000 per institution for purchase, installation, stocking, staff training and related needs, to be allocated First Come / First Served (first ~20 completed applications submitted until funds are exhausted).



Grant Information

- **Online application opens October 30, 12pm**
 - Stays open until funds are exhausted (March 1 at latest).
- **Complete applications will be accepted and funded on a rolling basis:**
 - Point of contact and grant signatory information
 - Plan to purchase (max 250 words)
 - Location (fulfilling intent of the proviso)
 - Timeline for purchase and installation
 - Budget: total amount and listed expected costs



Policy Clarifications from WA Department of Health

- 1. Colleges will need to have a Shopkeeper registration issued by the WA Dept of Revenue for the vending machine for any nonprescription drugs**
- 2. Colleges will need to plan to adhere to the OTC drug vending rules: Manufacturer's packaging with label requirements, and no drugs can be included that require tracking or reporting or age verification (EC is not included in that category)**
- 3. OTC drugs will need to be acquired from a licensed wholesaler.**
- 4. There are no requirements for institutions to have a contract with a licensed pharmacy in relation to this project.**



Student perspectives- Kels Cook, UW-Seattle

- I'm a white, queer, disabled, second career transfer student from Clark College finishing my Bachelor's Degree in Geography; a doula and an abortion researcher.
- The lead organizer and primary author of the budget proviso and legislation written and organized by volunteer students during the 2023 legislative session that led to us all being here today.
- From 2021-2023 I was the public policy coordinator and senator with the Student Disability Commission within the Associated Students of University of Washington. I was also the primary author of the open letter and student senate legislation which led to the first EC Vending machine at UW-Seattle.





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- The UW-Seattle machine was installed in October of 2022, and to date has sold more than 1,400 boxes of Plan B! Our machine is credit card transactions only, the price of Plan B is \$12.70/box, and also contains pregnancy tests and various common OTC medications.
 - It is our goal for Plan B to have as accessible as a price point as possible in machines across the state, and not to be a profit source.
- We were so lucky to have Don Downing and the graduate students from the student organization Pharmacists for Reproductive Education and Sexual Health (PhRESH) to help UW administrators get the first machine installed and stocked quickly. We have already found that schools don't need a school of Pharm of their own and that you as administrators can do what they did! We hope you'll apply for the funds!



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- We highly recommend working with a student advisory board made up of people under 25, LGBTQIA+, BIPOC, low/no income, First Generation, International, disabled, and notably- students with bodies which can get pregnant. These perspectives are instrumental to determining locations that are discreet and accessible to them.
- What is the sweet spot with discreet and accessible? A short story on trial and error from UW- Seattle.



Q&A

Continue the conversation...

WSAC Student Supports webpage:

<https://wsac.wa.gov/student-supports>

