

## AS Legislative Action Fund Funding Request

The purpose of the Legislative Action Fund is to more directly represent WWU students in legislative manners through the decisions of the ASWWU. The management of the Legislative Action Fund is facilitated through the Legislative Affairs Council (LAC), chaired by the VP for Governmental Affairs. This budget is funded through student donations. The fund is predominately used for Washington Student Association annual membership dues. All excess dollars can be expended at the discretion of the LAC to further student representation. If you are interested in the history of the Legislative Action Fund, please visit [here](#).

If you are interested in requesting funds from the Legislative Action Fund, please submit this form to the AS VP for Governmental Affairs at [ASVP.Gov@wwu.edu](mailto:ASVP.Gov@wwu.edu). After this form is submitted, you will need to meet with the VP for Governmental Affairs for additional details and direction. The VP for Governmental Affairs will then take the proposal to the next Legislative Affairs Council for the two-week approval process. You, or someone from your group, must be in attendance at both meetings. If your funding request is approved, the Legislative Affairs Council will provide you with an agreement that you will need to sign.

**Presenting organization:** The AS Environmental and Sustainability Programs

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**Name of the Event/Project/Conference:** Environmental Lobby Day

**Event Datets):** Training Session: Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 2014 (7:00pm-9:00pm) and Environmental Lobby Day: Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 2014 (all day)

**Location:** Training Session: Miller Hall 152 and Environmental Lobby Day: Olympia, WA

**Estimated Number of Attendees:** Forty

**Reason for Funding** (please provide a thorough description of the event, what the funds are requested for, how the event will increase student representation, and the expected benefits to the Western community and you or your group):

The Environmental and Sustainability Programs is hoping to host Western Washington University's first ever Environmental Lobby Day, scheduled for President's Day February 17<sup>th</sup> 2014. Environmental Lobby Day will provide an opportunity for any and all students to become actively involved in environmental policy. The ESP is hoping to craft a guiding legislative agenda where students will have the choice to take a stance on the issue at hand. All students will be representing themselves as a constituent of a certain district.

Through the use of OrgSync, there will be an application students will be able to access for approximately two to three weeks to sign up for the Environmental Lobby Day. Students chosen to take part in the Environmental Lobby Day trip will be based on merit and their response to application questions. Before traveling to Olympia, the ESP will be holding a training for all students who register to take part in the Environmental Lobby Day.

In Olympia, students will be meeting with several senators and representatives regarding current environmental issues and policies.

As a result, the ESP is requesting supplemental funds to provide a Bellair Charter Bus for approximately forty students to travel to and from the state capitol in Olympia, WA. At the current time, the Environmental and Sustainability Programs budget will not be able to fully fund all of the Charter Bus expenses without sacrificing funding for other ESP programs such as Earth Day Festival and anticipated guest speakers.

**Fill out and attach the budget document, which can be downloaded [here](#).**

**Total Anticipated Expenses: \$1200.00**

**You or Your Group's Contribution: \$200.00**

**Any Co-Sponsorships From Other Groups? None**

**Amount Requested from the Legislative Action Fund: \$1300.00 (from Additional Lobbying Efforts)**