

AS Legislative Action Fund Funding Request

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Name of the Event/Project/Conference: Federal Lobby Day Trip

Event Date(s): April 7th- 12th (tentatively)

Location: Washington DC

Estimated Number of Attendees: 1

Reason for Funding:

Every year, Western's President (Bruce Shepard), Vice President for University Relations (Steve Swan), AS President (Carly Roberts), and AS VP For Governmental Affairs (Kaylee Galloway) go on a Federal Lobby Trip to Washington DC to lobby our elected officials on our Federal Legislative Agenda. Including the AS Legislative Liaison (Matthew Bobbink) on the Federal Lobby Trip would bring a full legislative session of fresh lobbying experience to the group and increase the effectiveness of the groups' lobbying efforts. Additionally, sending Matt on the trip would bring a diverse identity to the group as he identifies as a LGBTQ student. Sending Matt on the trip would not only increase the diversity of the group, but it would enhance his professional experience by allowing him to lobby individuals in Congress.

The expenses for one additional person on this trip are modest considering the lodging expenses are already being paid for through the AS President's budget, leaving only the expenses for travel and meals for the period of the trip. The money being requested is minimal compared to what Matthew Bobbink will gain on this trip as a student, the additional experience he will bring as the AS Legislative Liaison, and the diversity he will bring to the group's lobbying efforts.

Total Anticipated Expenses:

Transportation: \$500

Per Diem: \$300 (\$41 x 6)

Total Anticipated Expenses: NTE \$1000

Amount Requested from the Legislative Action Fund: \$ 1000