

AS Legislative Action Fund Funding Request

Presenting organization: AS BOD

Student Name: Patrick Eckroth

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WAVU Email: [REDACTED]

Name of the Event/Project/Conference: Washington Student Association January Board of Directors Meeting and Organizing Training Weekend (cost of additional AS vehicle)

Event Date(s): January 30-31st

Location: Olympia, Washington

Estimated Number of Attendees: 12

Reason for Funding:

The AS Board of Directors wants to send 12 individuals to the Washington Student Association Board of Directors (BoD) meeting and Organizing Training in Olympia, Washington at The Evergreen State College (TESC) including: Patrick Eckroth, Nora Selander, Griffin Crisp, Zach Dove, Hannah Spencer, Bridget Doyle Williams, Bryce Hammer, and others to be confirmed. This is the first time the WS A has attempted to host its own organizing training dedicated to organizing student engagement in this year's state legislative session as it relates to the student issues listed in the AS and WSA legislative agendas. It is critical for Western to bring students that will be involved with the WSA and Western Votes for the rest of the year and will gain knowledge at this training that they will be able to bring back to campus to assist in the efforts of the AS Representation and Engagement Programs office, Western Votes! and the WSA.

At the WSA Organizing Training there will be different sessions on power relations, organizing tactics, tactic escalation, coalition building, Solidarity Organizing, Organizing and Accessibility, and how to organize students around issues specific to each individual WSA member campus. Students attending this WSA training and BoD meeting will be able to include their experiences and represent themselves in the BoD and training conversations as well as learn from other WSA member schools about their successful programs. This is a great opportunity to meet and network with students from other schools. Since we have the capacity and will be taking both of the AS vehicles, we are thinking of bringing 12 WWU students, 14 if the interest allows for it. The WSA has been attempting to include more students in these conversations for years, and hopefully this will be a great opportunity to bring new students into the organization and represent more WWU students.

We have used \$150 from the AS Legislative Affairs budget (FXXLAF) to pay for one of the AS minivans and will need an additional \$150 for the second AS minivan from the Legislative Action Fund (FXLACF).

Amount Requested from the Legislative Action Fund: NTE \$170.00

~\$150.00 for AS minivan for roundtrip WWU → TESC (-310 miles), plus additional miles to account for potential travel between the provided lodging and TESC.