Overview

Washington state’s No Child Left Inside program provides grants to provide outdoor engagement for underserved youth. Nonprofit organizations, schools, public agencies, and community-based groups are all eligible to receive grants through the program. The program prioritizes programs that engage students from low-income families or those that are struggling academically. Additionally, NCLI prioritizes funding for groups that engage with veterans to implement or administer their programs.

Target Audience
Outdoor access for low-income and disadvantaged youth. The bill also includes a provision encouraging the employment of veterans.

Coalition
The legislation was supported by a diverse coalition called The Big Tent Outdoor Recreation Coalition that included groups such as REI, Trout Unlimited, The Trust for Public Lands and many more. A full list is available at: http://bigtentcoalition.info/Members

Funding
Current funding is $1.5 million from the state General Fund, which was reauthorized in 2019. These funds are administered as grants to organizations.

Impact
From 2015-2019, the program funded 58 projects which served a total of 30,196 children. This equates to 753,020 hours of education and funded 134 staff positions.

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