

**From:** [Linda Seltzer](#)  
**To:** [Leider, Mary \(SAO\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: SAO Response to PRR #7589  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 28, 2025 3:19:08 PM  
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External Email

Dear Ms. Leider,

I don't understand your reply. Doesn't the state budget allocate the money to PESB? PESB paid money to College Success or College Spark. Then College Spark decided to have PESB give the money to WAESN. So it's state money from PESB that went to WAESN.

Which link in this am I not understanding correctly? How do I correctly follow this money trail?

At what point does the state stop accounting for where money goes?

Respectfully,

Linda Seltzer

On Tue, Jan 28, 2025 at 1:53 PM Leider, Mary (SAO) <[leiderm@sao.wa.gov](mailto:leiderm@sao.wa.gov)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Seltzer,

The Office of the Washington State Auditor has received and completed our response to your request for information sent in via our website.

***I am requesting the amount of money that has been awarded and/or disbursed to Washington Ethnic Studies Now by the State of Washington government. This covers the years 2018-2025. For example, the Public Education Standards Board awarded money to WEASN via an organization such as College Spark or College Success. The PESB had organizations running PESB's grant awards process. This would include money from or awarded to WAESN by the Public Education Standards Board, the State Board of Education or the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction as a grant, award or any other type of disbursement or compensation. This includes grants for teacher training and teacher training materials. I do not need to have a copy of every document. Putting a complete list of the amount, data, funding entity and purpose on an Excel spreadsheet or a Word or pdf document is all right. My goal is to know the amounts, granting bodies, purpose and dates. Any easily available format, such as Excel, Word, pdf or Powerpoint is fine. Please don't send me a file type that is difficult to open or read.***

***NOTE: This is an information request. This does not constitute a complaint against anyone. Concerning the questions below, I don't expect***

***this data to be large request. It should be possible to e-mail it to me or send it as regular first class mail. Please notify me if there is any possible fee, but I don't think I am requesting a large amount of material. I am not sure about in-person reviews because I have disabilities that limit my driving ability.***

In response, we want to let you know that at the State Auditor's Office we do not store other agencies data. We do not have the information you are seeking. We would like to suggest that you reach out to the Public Education Standards Board and OSPI to get the information you are requesting. Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns or issues regarding this request. Since we have no responsive records, we will now consider this closed.

Sincerely,



Mary Leider, CPRO

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