



OSPI Kickoff Meeting

September 12, 2023 7:00 PM

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Program Coaches Chats in Sept.

- FLL Coaches Chat:
 - This Thursday, Sept 14, 7-8 pm
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86770718969?pwd=d2lGbzZxOEVpWjlyU2JreTRRb1M2QT09>
- FTC Coaches Chat:
 - Next Tuesday, Sept 19, 7-8 pm
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83846694396?pwd=SGNWeVpiZGVreTd4b1Y5WWJhL1g0Zz09>
- FRC Coaches Chat
 - Next Thursday, Sept 21, 7-8 pm
 - Meeting
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88652899479?pwd=ZjNDVnMwNTY4aE9uRkcyNzhvSWYvdz09>

What has changed and Why?

WHY?

These Changes should make the grant submission and fund allocation process run more smoothly and quickly!

MANAGEMENT

- **FIRST Washington is now the administrator of the OSPI grant funds**
- **FIRST Washington will be managing the application process**

**The application is very different from the one in the iGrant system*

FUNDING

- **The grant will no longer be a reimbursable grant**
- **You will receive the funds from us once you have received your grant award and have entered your registered teams**
- **If you run multiple teams, you may receive some additional funding**

REPORTING

- **You will need to submit a year-end report**
**Details on this report will be sent out at a later date. We expect the report to open in Jan 2024 and close the end of May 2024*
- **This report MUST be filled out to be eligible to receive funds next year**

What is the process?

- Grant forms will be on the OSPI page on <https://firstwa.org/ospi/>
- One form per building per program will be accepted
- Register your team(s) with *FIRST* Washington
- In early October the main contact for the grant will be notified if you have received an award and will be asked to fill out a form with additional information. **Please watch for this email, you will have 7 days to fill out this form.**
- Once the form is filled out, you will be notified of the grant amount you have received, and *FIRST* Washington will mail a check to your school/district

Important Dates

GRANT OPENS
Friday, September 15th



GRANT CLOSES
Friday, September 29th

No late applications will be accepted!

OFFICE HOURS

***look for links to these on the firstwa OPSI page*

Wednesday September 20th

2:00pm – 4:00pm

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Wednesday September 27th

2:00pm – 4:00pm

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Who should fill out the grant?

- Coaches need to talk with the school district and follow their district policy on who should fill out the grant
 - For our purposes, it could be either the coach or an admin at the school
- If you are the coach of a school district team, it is your responsibility to check with your school and know who at your district will apply for this grant

What is in it for you?

- Increased funding for teams
- Easier application process
- You receive the funds up front so you can use them right away!
- We are here to support you and help you through the process