



OSPI Grant Meeting

September 10, 2024 7:00 PM

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FIRST
TECH
CHALLENGE

FIRST
ROBOTICS
COMPETITION

Program Coaches Chats in Sept.

- FLL Coaches Chat:
 - This Thursday, Sept 12, 7-8 pm
 - <https://firstwa.org/event/fll-coaches-chat-4/2024-09-12/>
- FTC Coaches Chat:
 - Next Tuesday, Sept 17, 7-8 pm
 - <https://firstwa.org/event/ftc-coaches-chat/2024-09-17/>
- FRC Coaches Chat
 - Next Thursday, Sept 19, 7-8 pm
 - <https://firstwa.org/event/frc-coaches-chat-2/2024-09-19/>

Who qualifies for this grant?

- The OSPI grant is a grant from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- It is for Public Schools or Tribal Compact Schools that have a FIRST Robotics Competition, FIRST Tech Challenge or FIRST LEGO League Challenge teams
- This grant is **not** for Private School or community teams.

FIRST Washington manages the OSPI Grant

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

MANAGEMENT

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

FUNDING

- **You will receive the funds from us once you have received your grant award and registered with both FIRST Inspires and FIRST Washington**
- **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 2025 and close the end of May 2025*
- **This report MUST be filled out to be eligible to receive funds next year**

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 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 Inspires **and** *FIRST* Washington
- In early October the main contact for the grant will be notified if you have received an award.

What is new this year?

- You will now enter your team information when you fill out the application
- You must be registered both with FIRST Washington **and** FIRST Inspires to receive your funding
- You may direct your funds to go to a booster account if you have one
 - To do this a form must be signed **by a school administrator** and uploaded prior to submitting your grant application.

What else do you need to know?

- The grant deadline is September 20th. **No late grants will be accepted**
- You must participate in a competition during the 2024/2025 season
 - FTC Competitions run from end of October – December
 - FLL Qualifiers are the first two weekends in December
 - FRC Competitions run in March

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