



What LWWA Does for Statewide Membership

The League of Women Voters of Washington (c4) and The League of Women Voters of Washington Education Fund (c3) are two separate and affiliated organizations that provide services for the 2,200 plus members in Washington State who are in 19 local Leagues, 1 Unit at Large, with a 2nd UAL currently forming. Each organization funds different aspects of our League work to **Empower Voters. Defend Democracy** and to implement the areas of the LWWA Strategic Plan:

- **Increase Impact**
Advocacy on public policy; Support Voter Service; Expand Civic Education
- **Build a Healthy League Network**
Connecting local Leagues with each other and to state and national efforts
- **Increase Organizational Capacity**
Investing in staff, technology and communication tools for collaborative work
- **Implement Diversity, Equity, Inclusion**
Adopting/implementing tools to expand League efforts

LWWA—C4

Increase Impact - Advocacy

- Funding and fielding the lobby team and our paid lobbyists is a big piece of raising the voices of local Leagues to pass legislation that directly benefits them and their communities.
- *Legislative Newsletter* to keep members and others informed on legislative activity during the session and interim periods as needed; Action Alerts for items that need immediate attention.
- Memberships in Coalitions that expands our voice (some require dues)
- Printing of *Program in Action* (LWWA positions) and Legislative Agenda cards,
- Lobby Day (Democracy Day with Fix Democracy First) in Olympia (attendance fee is optional)
- Action Workshops in various locations around the state – scholarships/revenue share for host Leagues

Build Healthy Network

- Providing support and answering questions that come into the office - fielded by Amy, Ann and other board members.
- Waiver on student PMP (as well as Honorary/Life)
- Local field work that includes mentoring new Leagues
- Provides opportunity for LWWA to co-sponsor Local League events so they can obtain the insurance that many venues now require

Increase Capacity

- Staffing
 - As an employer, we take pride that we are a non-profit that pays a living wage and benefits to our full-time employee. In the last 4 years employee costs have changed from 2 part time (20 hr/week for 47 weeks of the year). We now pay for 1 full time employee for 52 weeks that includes a benefits package, paid time off, holidays and sick leave.
 - Additional part time employee to do state newsletters (*TWIL & The VOTER*)

- Technology
 - Virtual Meeting platforms (to extend for Local League usage)
 - Maintain/upgrade state data base
- Communication
 - Newsletters—TWIL and The VOTER for members (while they are not print; need \$\$ for electronic software and mailing list)
 - Website refresh and new information

Implement Diversity, Equity, Inclusion—Currently developing LWVWA Diversity Action Plan that will incorporate elements

LWVWA Education Fund—C3

Increase Impact

- Voter Service
 - Vote411—fee for the online voter information site for the entire state; along with supportive advertising materials
 - Candidate Forum formats and assistance
 - Election season materials (magnets & stickers, Ballot Issues summary sheets)
 - Election tabloid (provided in 2016, and working on updated/generic piece (Newspaper in Education)
 - Partnership/payment through Win/Win that allows local Leagues to use data from the VAN for Get Out the Vote efforts
- Civic Education
 - Civic education grants to local Leagues for creative civic education projects
 - *The State We're In: Washington* textbook, along with Civic Education curriculum support

Build Healthy Network

- MELD Network—Coaches—training—Pod calls—all to provide support to local League to build a Healthy League Network
- Administering local League Ed Funds so that local Leagues can accept tax deductible donations without needing to form their own c3 organizations
- Printing of study materials—new items are up for consideration at Convention

Increase Capacity

- Allocation of new grants for tech/AV upgrades and training
- Forum in a Box—Census and Redistricting to be unveiled at Convention along with grants for assisting local Leagues in putting on Forum in the coming year

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