



REAL Hope

RAISING
EDUCATIONAL
ACCESS, changing
LIVES

Real Hope Act

Addressing the Achievement Gap in
Washington State

The Problem

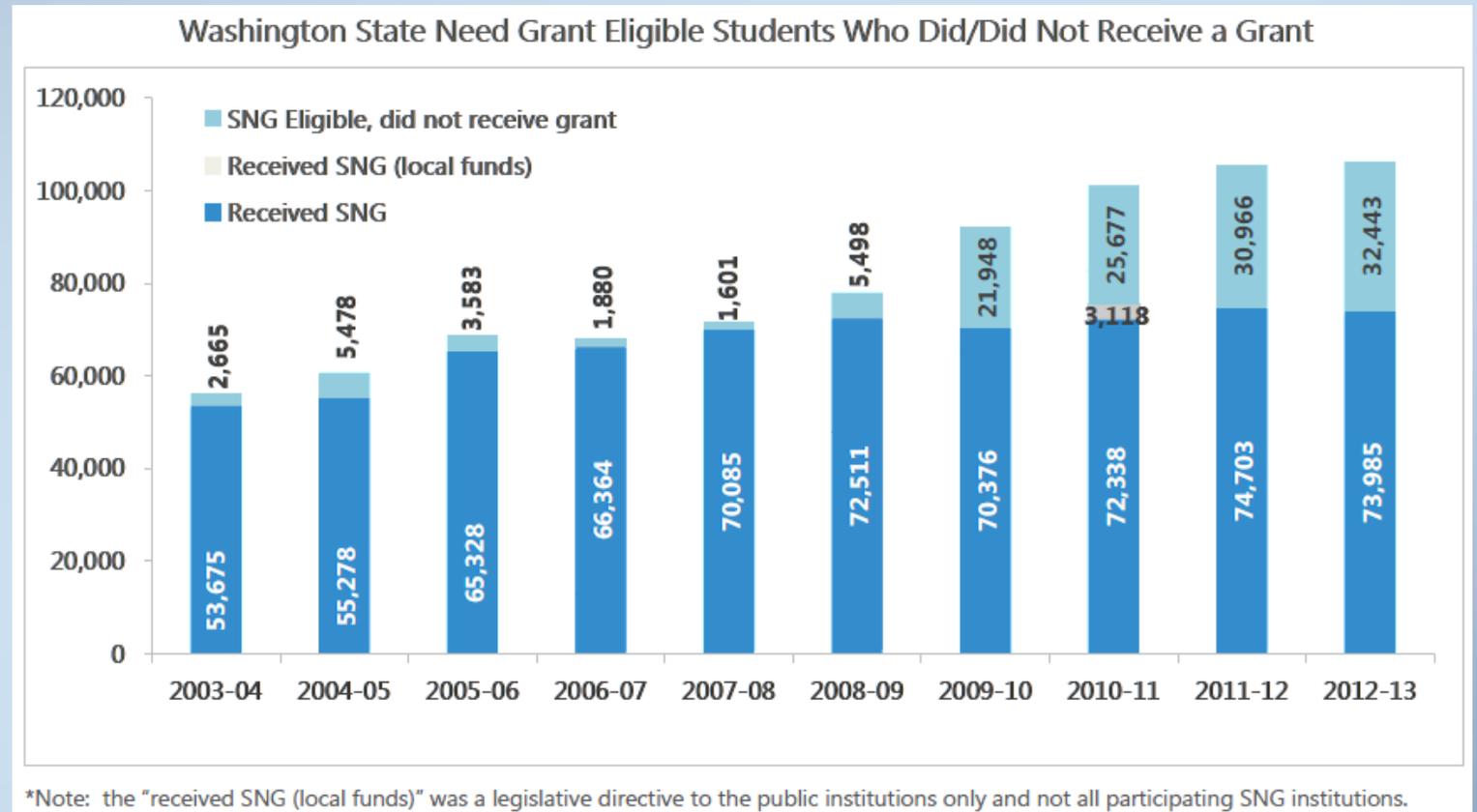
- Costs of college have been rising at unsustainable levels
- Outpacing inflation
- Limiting access to a college education for those who would benefit most
 - low-income
 - Communities of color
 - First generations college aspirants
- State's budget and neglect has put higher education on the back burner

Successes

- College tuition has been frozen for two years
- More accountability
- Better Outcomes for Students
- Connecting Career and College Readiness
- Long-term Planning
- Real Investments
 - Opportunity Scholarship - \$25 million
 - College Bound - \$12 million
 - Real Hope Act - \$5 million

In Context

- The REAL Hope Act expands the eligibility pool for the State Need Grant to certain undocumented students
- We put money behind the promise
- The State Need Grant can not serve all the students who could benefit from financial aid
- Without this investment and needed future investments the opportunity gap will grow



Why the REAL Hope Act?

- More than just a DREAM
- Investing in Washington's Students
- Find a workable solution to hold harmless the over 30K students already unserved by the State Need Grant
- An impetus to lead on higher education issues in general