Frequently Asked Questions
Oregon Community Summer Grant Program
Equip, Encourage, Excite, Explore

What is the Oregon Community Summer Grant?
These funds, allocated from the Oregon Legislature via House Bill 5202, shall be used to increase access to summer enrichment that provide more time to reinforce for deeper learning, creative spaces for hands-on projects, and opportunities for students of all ages to explore interests and possible career paths

What type of programming are the K-12 Summer Learning grants intended to support?
Grants are intended to be used towards ensuring youth and families have access to summer learning and/or enrichment programs. Examples of eligible summer program focus areas include but are not limited to: Arts, environmental education, STEM/STEAM, literacy, mentoring, service learning, sports/recreation, summer academics, workforce development, and museum education. *Special consideration needs to be given to supports* which will be provided for those students who have long been underserved by Oregon's public education system, including Black children, Indigenous children, children of color, children navigating poverty, children in under-resourced rural communities, and children with disabilities.

What types of organizations are eligible for these funds?
Eligible organizations include **insured** nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, tribal governments, public agencies including libraries and parks and recreation departments, churches, and colleges located in Oregon that provide community-based programming. Schools receive monies for summer programming through ODE. Questions about school district dollars can be directed to ODE.SummerLearning@ode.state.or.us. Schools applying for the OAESD Summer Learning Grant must demonstrate formalized partnerships with community-based organizations and/or must **not** be eligible to receive funding for summer programming from Federal and State stimulus packages.
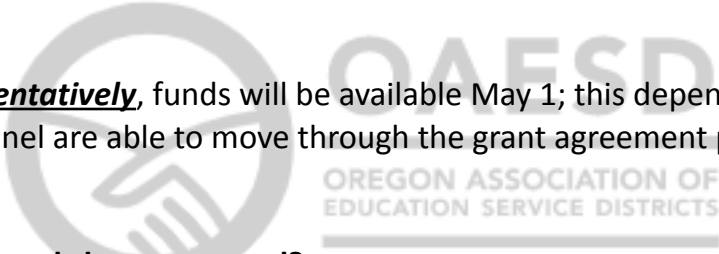
Are we eligible to apply to this funding opportunity if we submitted an application for the 2021 Summer Grant?
Yes. Please include in your request how this additional funding will enable you to expand your outreach or better deliver your programs to underserved populations of children. The age range is those entering kinder through 2022 seniors.

The "childcare" portion of the 2021 grant was discontinued for this year, so there are not funds available for programs serving ages 0-4.

What is the deadline for submission of applications?
Completed applications will be accepted, reviewed, and awarded on a rolling basis throughout the spring to ensure programs have funds in hand to begin planning and

implementation. ***Tentatively***, funds will be available May 1; this depends on the speed at which state personnel are able to move through the grant agreement process.

When will grant awards be announced?
Our goal is to ensure that programs have funds in hand to begin planning and implementation as soon as possible. Completed applications will be accepted, reviewed, and awarded on a rolling basis through the spring.

Must programming be offered in person?
Programming must be offered in person or via hybrid models, in compliance with [Oregon Health Authority guidelines.](#) Community Based Organizations must determine if parts of their program qualify as a "Health care setting." An FAQ about Health Care Settings [can be found here](#).

Must the programs serve all ages from Kindergarten to age 18?
No – programs can focus on any age group along the K-12 spectrum. Programs may serve children entering kindergarten as well as recently graduated seniors. Preference will be given to grants showing a clear focus on serving those students who have long been underserved by our public education system, including Black children, Indigenous children, children of color, children navigating poverty, children in under-resourced rural communities, and children with disabilities.

Who is designing this process?
The Oregon Association of ESDs has been trusted with management of this grant. We are working in collaboration with the Oregon Community Foundation, Education Service District Partners, Tribal Education Leaders, and leaders of Community Based Organizations in Oregon.

What data will we need to collect as part of the grant? What reporting requirements exist?
There will be a reporting requirement in the fall. More details on that will be shared in next week's update.
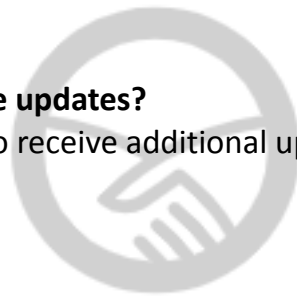
What amount should we apply for?
In 2021, one-time grants ranging $2,500 to $1,500,000 were awarded. We anticipate a wide range of award sizes based on program size, type, and population focus with anticipated average grant awards of $75,000.

Is a budget document required?
No – but please provide information in the application about the total budget for your summer programming for this age group, and a description of how you will use the Oregon Community Summer Grant funds.

How do I get more updates?

If you would like to receive additional updates, please click here to sign up.