

# Professional Development Mini Grant

## 2025-2026 FLYER



### OVERVIEW

Oregon GEAR UP is dedicated to ensuring all Oregonians have access to and succeed in education beyond high school. We recognize the importance of continuous professional development for educators to maintain high-quality teaching and learning. Therefore, we offer funding for GEAR UP schools to implement comprehensive professional development programs aimed at enhancing instructional practices, improving student outcomes, and promoting lifelong learning among educators.

Mini Grant Objectives:

- **Enhance Teaching Practices:** Equip educators with innovative teaching methodologies tailored to diverse learning needs.
- **Foster Collaboration:** Create opportunities for teachers to collaborate, share best practices, and build a supportive professional learning community.
- **Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS):** Develop and implement an MTSS to address schoolwide challenges related to attendance, behavior, and academic achievement.
- **Integrate Technology:** Provide training on effective technology integration in the classroom to engage students and enhance learning experiences.

Applications will be accepted until **October 31, 2025**. Applications will be reviewed and accepted on a rolling basis.

### FUNDING

Clusters may receive up to \$10,000 total in non-competitive funds, which can be allocated toward schoolwide and/or departmental PD efforts. This funding can be used in two ways:

- Schoolwide PD mini-grants of up to \$10,000
- Departmental PD mini-grants of up to \$5,000

**Expenses must be incurred, all items received, and services rendered before August 31, 2026.**

Mini grant funds **can** be used for:

- salary (\*extra duty rate) for staff non-contract time
- substitute costs
- travel/meal costs (\*district/federal per diem rates) during training
- workshop facilitators/guest speakers for educators (not students)
- material and resources required for professional development sessions and/or
- material and supplies required for classroom integration/implementation (\*this can include technology; however, proposal should not focus solely on individual student devices)

Mini grant funds **cannot** be used to:

- pay indirect costs/grant administration fees
- lobbying
- equipment costs (single items greater than \$5000)
- student experiences including, but not limited to, incentive items
- entertainment/alcohol

Additional funding *may* be available through competitively awarded departmental PD mini grants in Spring 2026.

Oregon GEAR UP is required to comply with all federal regulations, including recent legislation and executive orders. As always, all grant applications will be reviewed for federal allowability, and reimbursement will only be provided for approved expenditures.

### WHO AND HOW TO APPLY?

Current GEAR UP Clusters are eligible. Apply today!



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