

2026-2027



CLASSROOM SUCCESS MINI GRANT

Oregon GEAR UP is dedicated to ensuring that all Oregonians have the opportunity to access and succeed in education and training beyond high school. To help achieve this, we provide mini grants for educators to enhance academic preparation and increase aspirations and awareness for postsecondary education. Mini grants may be used to:

- Develop and implement units, projects, or assessments that enhance students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Develop and implement units, projects, or assessments that support targeted instructional strategies
- Support students' mastery of essential academic content
- Improve alignment with rigorous course standards, including dual/college credit offerings
- Promote students' communication and collaboration skills
- Engage students in learning experiences connected to real-world issues and challenges
- Implement or embed new college and career exploration into existing coursework

Note: Mini grants are intended to support new or supplemental practices which are sustainable. In accordance with federal guidance, Oregon GEAR UP funds cannot be used to cover expenses that were previously funded by sources that are no longer available as such expenditures may constitute supplanting.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Mini grant applications will be processed through a monthly review cycle until April 1, 2027, and/or until available funds are exhausted.

- Applications must be fully submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline.
- Applications submitted after the deadline will be reviewed in the following review cycle.
- Funding is not guaranteed for requests tied to activities occurring within 30 days of the submission deadline.
- Applicants whose requests are denied may resubmit during the next review cycle.

REVIEW TIMELINE

Applications will be reviewed once per month using the following process:

CYCLE	APPLICATION DEADLINE	APPLICANT NOTIFICATION BY
October	October 31, 2026	November 20, 2026
November	November 30, 2026	December 20, 2026
December	December 31, 2026	January 20, 2027
January	January 31, 2027	February 20, 2027
February	February 28, 2027	March 20, 2027
March	March 31, 2027	April 20, 2027
April	April 30, 2027	May 20, 2027

FUNDING

Grants of up to \$2,500 are available. All expenses must be incurred, items received, and services rendered by **August 31, 2027**.

ELIGIBLE USES OF GRANT FUNDS INCLUDE:

- Materials and supplies

Note: Funding for consumable items is allowed only in connection with a new project, program, or curriculum. Applicants must include a sustainability plan for purchasing these items after grant funding ends.

GRANT FUNDS CANNOT BE USED FOR:

- Salaries and benefits
- Travel costs
- Indirect costs or grant administration fees
- Lobbying
- Field trips or evening/weekend events
- Tutoring
- Generating profit (2 CFR §200.307)
- Incentives
- Entertainment/alcohol

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?

Applicants must be middle or high school certified staff at current GEAR UP Schools (not available to school administrators). *Preference will be given to core content areas though all are welcome to apply.*

