

2026-2027



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MINI GRANT

Oregon GEAR UP is committed to providing all Oregonians the opportunity to access and succeed in education and training beyond high school. Continuous professional development for educators plays an important part in achieving this goal, and we are therefore offering the opportunity for GEAR UP schools, departments, and teachers to apply for professional development funding to enhance instructional practices, improve student outcomes, and promote a culture of lifelong learning.

Mini Grant Objective(s):

- 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: Develop and implement a MTSS that addresses schoolwide challenges related to attendance, behavior, and/or academic achievement.
- Integrate Technology: Provide training on effective technology integration in the classroom to engage students and enhance learning experiences.

Note: Mini Grant funds must be used to supplement, enhance, or expand existing programs and services, not to replace (supplant) funding that is already available or was previously used to support the same activity.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Mini grant applications will be reviewed 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:

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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

Expenses must be incurred, all items received, and services rendered before **August 31, 2027**.

ELIGIBLE USES OF GRANT FUNDS INCLUDE:

- 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 only
- Material and resources required for professional development sessions and/or
- Material and supplies required for classroom integration/implementation (*this can include technology; however, proposals should not focus solely on individual student devices)

GRANT FUNDS CANNOT BE USED FOR:

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

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?

Who? Current GEAR UP schools are eligible to apply.

How? Scan the QR code to get started.

