



Summer Academic and Enrichment Program Grants Frequently Asked Questions

What is the role of Oregon Community Foundation (OCF)?

Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) will award \$40 million of state-funded grants for community organizations to provide summer enrichment activities for K-12 aged students, such as day camps and outdoor programs as well as \$1.2 million earmarked for parent-child summer programming for families with young children.

OCF administers these grants through an application and selection process, with guidance from diverse state, local, and community experts and stakeholders.

What is the Advisory Committee Role?

OCF has engaged a network of community advisors to provide guidance and feedback on the summer learning grant process. The Advisory Committee includes local leaders and community members with expertise in education, and racial equity as well as representatives from nonprofit organizations that provide culturally and regionally specific support services. These members provide input and guidance to the OCF team to best understand and address the unique needs of local communities.

Who will the summer learning grants reach?

The \$40 million in K-12 Summer Learning Grants will prioritize community-based programs for underserved youth and families that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

These grants are available to public and nonprofit organizations that provide community-based programming including:

- Support enrichment programs for learning outside of the classroom
- Support arts, sports, mentoring, workforce development, science, museum education and many other indoor and outdoor activities
- A priority to programs that serve K-12 aged youth from communities of color, youth from low-income families, and youth living in under-resourced rural communities.

Who will the early childhood summer support grants reach?

The \$1.2 million in Early Childhood Summer Support Grants will support enrichment programs for learning by providing services for approximately 600 children (from birth to 5 years of age) and their parents. These grants will help deliver 12 weeks of parent-child summer programming, including group classes and activities that offer social and learning opportunities for young children and their parents, play groups and kindergarten readiness programs.

What is the timeframe for these grants?

The K-12 Summer Learning Grants will be made on a rolling basis beginning in April and into the early summer. This will help ensure that grants are out to programs as early as possible in anticipation of quickly approaching summer.

The deadline for submittal of applications for the Early Childhood Summer Support Grants is 5:00 p.m. on May 25, 2021. Grant awards will be announced on or before June 25.

Why is the state of Oregon funding summer academic and enrichment programs?

The State of Oregon has made a \$250 million investment to address learning inequities and help mitigate the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Oregon children and families.

The state is seeking to fund programs that build trusting relationships, connection and care for children over the summer months, in the critical time between the end of this school year and the beginning of the next.

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