



FOUNDATION FOR PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Fall 2026 Equity and Innovation Grants Guidelines and Requirements

Please Read ALL Before Beginning Your Grant Application

FPPS encourages Equity and Innovation Grants applicants to consider proposals seeking funding to support or engage students, while aligning with the [Portland Public Schools' Strategic Priorities](#).

However, the premise of these grants is that PPS staff know their students' needs best. Therefore, we will consider all proposals that support staff-led projects or innovations enhancing students' learning experiences in Portland Public Schools. The program recognizes, rewards, and supports staff work to inspire students and improve learning outcomes.

General Guidelines:

- Equity & Innovation Grants award up to \$1,500 per application. Please only request up to \$1,500 in any one grant application. The exception to this is that applicants who work in multiple schools are eligible to receive up to \$ 1,500 for each school.
- If we have a large number of applicants, some grants will likely be partially funded.
- All PPS employees (not just teachers) are eligible to apply.
- Grants must be used for work, programming, or supplies that directly benefit students.
- Grant funds may be used for materials, books, visiting experts, field trips, fieldwork, or other resources that directly impact students' educational experience in any subject area. Please include links to items where applicable.
- Funds may *not* be used for food/parties, paying applicants for their time, or professional development.
- Your grant budget must be complete with both the expenses and revenues clearly spelled out and equal to each other.
- Please ensure you review your proposal with your school's principal or the appropriate district leadership before applying. **Proposals cannot be accepted without their review and incorporated feedback.**

Updates for the 2026-27 school year:

- Grants that support co-curricular activities will be considered separately from classroom or

other school-based grants. Please see the [FPPS grants webpage](#) for more information and a direct link to the separate co-curricular grant application.

- We will no longer accept multiple applications for the same project.
- We cannot fund grant experiences or reimburse expenses that are incurred prior to your school receiving FPPS grant disbursements.
- We will send funds paying for outside experts or contracted services to PPS Finance to deposit into your school's contracted services account, instead of your school's activity account. We will send regular grant funds to your school's activity accounts, as usual.

Reporting Expectations:

All grant recipients are *required* to submit a final grant report. If you received a fall grant in a previous year, please make sure you have filed a completed final report *before* submitting another application. Applications for a new grant will not be considered without a final report for your previous grant. [Link to final report form](#)

All recipients of an FPPS grant agree to the following:

- Provide photos, video, stories, or other documentation showing students engaged in the grant project that the Foundation for Portland Public Schools can share.
 - These photos are used to share the impact of the grant program in newsletters, social media, and fundraising efforts.
 - We are seeking photos of students engaged in learning (smiling, focusing on their work, collaborating, using the materials, etc.). We do not need images of books, materials, or completed work without students in them.
 - All images of students require signed media consent forms on file with the school.

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