

EDUCATOR EMPOWERMENT GRANTS

OEA Center for Great Public Schools

The OEA Center for Great Public Schools is excited to offer up to \$5,000 grants to support member-led efforts to increase student success, advance educator leadership, or improve teaching and learning conditions.

WHAT

The OEA Educator Empowerment Grants are intended to support educators in a locally identified area for improvement that has the potential to increase student success, advance educator leadership, or improve teaching and learning conditions.

Some ideas for grant applications include:

- Developing mentoring programs for new educators or supporting early career educators;
- Improving access to well-rounded educational opportunities for students such as access to arts, music, libraries, recess, and more;
- Building social emotional learning supports for students;
- Establishing educator leadership frameworks;
- Increasing educator voice in school, district, or institution decision-making;
- Culturally responsive practices, trauma informed practices, or restorative justice practices programming, training and support

WHO

Any OEA member can apply for an Educator Empowerment Grant. Applicants must obtain a signature on the grant application form from the local association president. We encourage any member to apply including Education Support Professionals, community college members, classroom teachers, instructional coaches, and specialized instructional support personnel like counselors, special education teachers, and speech-language pathologists to apply. Grants are most successful when a team of invested educators applies together.

APPLY HERE!

OEA staff are available to talk through ideas and answer grant application questions.

WHEN

The grant applications are open in the fall of each school year, and awarded in November. Grant projects should conclude no later than June 30 of the awarded school year.

GRANT DETAILS

- Applications are due **Nov. 3, 2023.**
- OEA can provide a range of technical assistance and support to grantees; at a minimum, grant leaders will check in with OEA staff quarterly with updates.
- Upon completion of the grant, the grant lead will complete a grant report and provide accounting information for grant expenditures.

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