

Fall 2024 Grants Requirements & Guidance

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 that align with the <u>Portland Public Schools Strategic Priorities</u>. However, the premise of these grants has always been that PPS staff know their students' needs best. Therefore, we will consider all proposals supporting staff-led projects or innovations that enhance students' learning experiences in Portland Public Schools. The program recognizes, rewards, and supports staff work to inspire students and improve learning outcomes.

<u>Updates/changes for the 2024-25 school year</u>

- This year, grants that support co-curricular activities or extended learning opportunities will be considered separately from classroom or other school-based grants. Please see the <u>FPPS grants webpage</u> for more information and a direct link to that separate application.
- We will no longer accept multiple applications for the same project. The maximum amount for any one project is \$1,250.

General Guidelines

- Equity & Innovation Grants award up to \$1,250 per application. Please only request up to \$1,250 in any one grant application. If there is a large number of applicants, many grants will likely be partially funded.
- Most applicants are eligible to receive up to \$1,250 total from FPPS during the Fall 2024 grant cycle. The exception to this is staff members who work at / serve more than one school. Applicants who work in multiple schools are eligible to receive up to \$1250 for each school.
- All PPS employees (not just teachers) are eligible to apply.
- Grants must be for work/programming/supplies that directly benefit students.
- Funds may be used for materials, books, visiting experts, field trips/fieldwork, or other resources directly impacting students' educational experience in any subject area.

- 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. <u>Link to final report form</u>
- Funds may *not* be used for food/parties, paying teachers/applicants for their time, or professional development.
- Your grant budget must be complete with both expenses and revenues clearly spelled out and equal to each other.
- All recipients of an FPPS grant agree to the following:
 - Willingness to present or share information about the grant project at the Foundation's annual fundraising event for this program.
 - 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/or 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 or materials without students in them.
 - All images of students require signed media consent forms that are on file with the school.