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Announcing the 2020-2021 Grow Your Own/Educator Pathway Grant Recipients

The Educator Advancement Council has awarded \$6.8 million in grants to 26 Grow-Your-Own/Educator Pathway Programs to public education institutions and their partners across the state.

Salem, OR - The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the [Educator Advancement Council](#) (EAC) are excited to announce the 2020-2021 recipients of the Grow Your Own (GYO)/Teacher Pathways grant, which supports regional and local partnerships to diversify the teacher workforce, implement [Oregon's culturally responsive legislative initiatives](#), and mitigate and/or eliminate barriers to provide more equitable pathways in education for African American, Black, American Indian, Alaska Native, Asian, Indigenous, Latinx, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and Multi-racial teachers.

The EAC received 27 grant applications, from 9 emerging and 18 existing programs, and at this time 26 grants have been awarded for a total amount of \$6.8 million. The grants will support partnerships between the awardees and local school districts, education service districts, community colleges, universities, and community organizations.

Grow Your Own programs help to develop and diversify the teaching workforce within local communities, which will reduce the demographic gap between students and teachers in Oregon. Grow Your Own programs create the conditions for community members to become teachers within their local regions and engender collaborative partnerships between educator preparation programs, early learning, and K-12 systems.

In accordance with the EAC's aim to establish culturally sustaining and racially affirming practices and policies across the state, the EAC is investing in GYOs and Teacher Pathway Partnerships.

The funded GYO programs are:

Beaverton School District
Blue Mountain Community College
Chemeketa Community College
Clackamas Community College
Clackamas Education Service District

Columbia Gorge Community College
David Douglas School District
Douglas Education Service District
Eastern Oregon University
Greater Albany Public Schools



High Desert Education Service District
Jefferson County School District
Klamath Community College
Lane Education Service District
Lincoln County School District
Multnomah Education Service District
NW Regional Education Service District
Oregon State University

Portland Public Schools
Portland State University
South Coast Education Service District
Southern Oregon Education Service District
University of Oregon
Wallowa Education Service District
Western Oregon University
Willamette Education Service District

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