

Educator Advancement Fund

581-012-0001

Definitions

The following definitions apply to OAR 581-012-0001 to 581-012-0019

- (1) “Educator Advancement Fund” means the fund established by ORS 342.953.
- (2) “ESD” means education service district as defined in ORS 334.003.
- (3) “Nonprofit organization” means an education-focused organization that:
 - (a) Is established as a nonprofit organization under the laws of Oregon; and
 - (b) Qualifies as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) or a social welfare organization under 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code as defined in ORS 314.011.
- (4) “Oregon equity lens” means the equity lens as defined in OAR 581-018-0010.
- (5) “Postsecondary institution of education” means:
 - (a) A community college operated under ORS Chapter 341;
 - (b) The following public universities:
 - (A) University of Oregon;
 - (B) Oregon State University;
 - (C) Portland State University;
 - (D) Oregon Institute of Technology;
 - (E) Western Oregon University;
 - (F) Southern Oregon University;
 - (G) Eastern Oregon University;
 - (c) Oregon Health and Science University; or
 - (d) An Oregon-based, accredited, not-for-profit institution of higher education.
- (6) “School district” means a common or union high school district.

(7) “Tribe” means any of the federally recognized Native American tribes of this state.

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Equity Lens

The Educator Advancement Council, the Oregon Department of Education, and the Regional Educator Networks will apply the Oregon equity lens in all work relating to the Educator Advancement Fund and the Regional Educator Networks.

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Educator Advancement Fund

The Educator Advancement Fund may be used for the following purposes:

- (1) Regional Educator Network capacity grants pursuant to OAR 581-012-0013;
- (2) Regional Educator Network formula funding pursuant to OAR 581-012-0015;
- (3) Other investments directed by the Oregon Legislature or the Educator Advancement Council pursuant to OAR 581-012-0017; and
- (4) Educator Advancement Council and ODE administrative costs.

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Regional Educator Networks

- (1) The Educator Advancement Council will develop Regional Educator Networks across the state for the purpose of facilitating the work of school districts in their respective regions as they improve systems designed to support educators.
- (2) Regional Educator Networks must:
 - (a) Comply with all requirements of ORS 342.943;
 - (b) Establish a coordinating body for the regional educator network with membership based on the requirements in statute ORS 342.943(2)(f);
 - (c) Convene member organizations in their region. Eligible member organizations are school districts, state-sponsored public charter schools, the Oregon School for the Deaf, and an education program under the Youth Corrections Education Program or the Juvenile Detention Education Program;
 - (d) Oversee and monitor Educator Advancement Fund resources allocated to the Regional Educator Network;
 - (e) Reflect and communicate the nature and intent of the Educator Advancement Fund funding;

- (f) Model and reinforce authentic local stakeholder and educator engagement efforts;
 - (g) Demonstrate a commitment to equity-driven policies and practices including engagement of community stakeholder groups;
 - (h) Support the member organizations through phases 1-3 of a continuous improvement process as defined by the Regional Educator Network Request for Proposals;
 - (i) Participate in ongoing Training and Technical Assistance as required by the Educator Advancement Council;
 - (j) Ensure the Regional Educator Network coordinator is communicating regularly with the Educator Advancement Council;
 - (k) Develop a local plan in accordance with OAR 581-012-0011;
 - (l) Host and promote Training and Technical Assistance opportunities offered by the Educator Advancement Council to support the work of governance groups and/or districts;
 - (m) Participate in best-practice sharing with other Regional Educator Networks, including Educator Advancement Council hosted statewide Regional Educator Network convenings; and
 - (n) Collaborate with other Regional Educator Networks to meet the identified needs of a district if a priority is not being addressed in their local Regional Educator Network.
- (3) The Educator Advancement Council may revoke a Regional Educator Networks status for failure to meet all requirements as specified in the Regional Educator Network Request for Proposals issued by the Educator Advancement Council.

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Criteria for Selecting Regional Educator Networks

- (1) For each biennium, the Educator Advancement Council will establish a request for proposal solicitation and approval process. The Council will notify eligible applicants of the proposal process and the due dates, and make available necessary guidelines and application forms.
- (2) All proposals must comply with the requirements of ORS 342.943 and rules adopted to implement those laws.
- (3) The Educator Advancement Council will select Regional Educator Networks based on the evaluation of the grant applications and the geographic location of applicants to ensure all areas of the state are represented in a Regional Educator Network.
- (4) The following entities are eligible to be a Regional Educator Network:

- (a) School districts;
 - (b) ESDs;
 - (c) Non-profit organizations;
 - (d) Post-secondary institutions of education;
 - (e) Tribes; and
 - (f) A consortium of any combination thereof of entities described in this subsection.
- (5) Regional Educator Networks must be or partner with an eligible fiscal agent. Eligible fiscal agents are school districts, ESDs, or post-secondary institutions of education.

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Regional Educator Network Regional Plan

- (1) For each biennium, the Educator Advancement Council will establish a request for proposal solicitation and approval process. The Council will notify eligible applicants of the proposal process and the due dates, and make available necessary guidelines and application forms.
- (2) All proposals must comply with the requirements of ORS 342.943 and rules adopted to implement those laws.
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581-012-0013**Regional Education Network Capacity Grants**

- (1) For each biennium, the Educator Advancement Council will determine and communicate the total amount of funds to be made available to the Regional Educator Networks as capacity grants.
- (2) The Oregon Department of Education will distribute funds from the Educator Advancement Fund to each Regional Educator Networks according to the direction of the Educator Advancement Council.
- (3) Capacity grants can be used for the following purposes:
 - (a) Staffing, supplies, and travel costs for at least one dedicated Regional Educator Network staff person to work with people and schools in the region;
 - (b) Costs related to convening the coordinating body or district teams, including costs for travel, and substitutes for teachers; and
 - (c) Contracts for services to provide support with data collection, technical assistance, evaluation, and educator development content expertise.
- (4) Regional Educator Networks must separately account for funding received under this section and must submit an expenditure report to the Educator Advancement Council upon request by the Council.
- (5) If a Regional Educator Network does not spend all of the allotted funds in the given biennium, the Educator Advancement Council will direct the Department of Education to reallocate the funds to one or more of the other Regional Educator Networks or hold the funds in the Educator Advancement Fund to be distributed in the following biennium.

581-012-0015**Regional Educator Network Formula Funding**

- (1) For each biennium, the Educator Advancement Council will determine the total amount of funds to be made available to the Regional Educator Networks for use by the eligible members within the Regional Educator Network.
- (2) The Oregon Department of Education will distribute funds from the Educator Advancement Fund to each Regional Educator Network according to the direction of the Educator Advancement Council.
- (3) The Regional Educator Networks must expend funds received under this section in accordance with the Regional Educator Network Request for Proposals issued by the Educator Advancement Council and the regional plan developed and approved under 581-012-0011.

(4) Regional Educator Networks must separately account for funding received under this section and must submit an expenditure report to the Educator Advancement Council upon request by the Council.

(5) If a Regional Educator Network does not spend all of the allotted funds in the given biennium, the Educator Advancement Council will direct the Department of Education to reallocate the funds to one or more of the other Regional Educator Networks or hold the funds in the Educator Advancement Fund to be distributed in the following biennium.

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Other Investments

(1) The Educator Advancement Council may make other investments at the direction of the legislature or at the discretion of the Educator Advancement Council.

(2) The Oregon Department of Education will distribute funds according to the direction of the Educator Advancement Council.

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Reporting

Prior to the end of each fiscal year, a Regional Educator Network receiving funds from the Educator Advancement Fund must submit to the Educator Advancement Council:

(1) An expenditure report; and

(2) Audited financial statements.

(3) A report on progress toward goals and locally identified metrics in the regional plan and other metrics identified by the Educator Advancement Council.

Statutory/Other Authority:

ORS 342.940

ORS 342.943

Statutory/Other Implemented:

ORS 342.940

ORS 342.943