Oregon Department of Education
Summer Enrichment Program Grants: K-8 Level

Program Summary - 4/23/21

Background

The pandemic has had an immense and disruptive impact on Oregon’s children. Additionally, COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, Latino/a/x, and Pacific Islander communities; students experiencing disabilities; and students and families navigating poverty. Students, families and educators have been resilient in the face of the many challenges presented by the pandemic. Nevertheless, many students have experienced unfinished learning and inconsistent connections with their peers. Many students also continue to lack basic needs such as food, shelter, wellness and support for mental, social and emotional health.

To address these needs House Bill 5042A authorizes the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to expend funds in the 2019-21 biennium from the Summer Learning Program Account for the purposes outlined in the accompanying Preliminary Budget Report. Specifically, the budget report directs $195.6 million General Fund and $10 million Federal Funds in grant funding be made available to participating school districts for academic summer school to support high school students facing academic credit loss, summer enrichment programs, and wrap-around child care.

Timeline

ODE’s goal is to make these funds and, ultimately, the services they provide to students, as accessible as possible to all districts, regardless of size. Our timeline is as follows:

- **April 6, 2021**: ODE will release a statewide communication on program summaries, timelines, and district allocation.

- **April 9, 2021**: ODE will complete draft program guidance.

- **April 16, 2021**: ODE will facilitate partner feedback and engagement sessions to solicit thoughts, concerns, and questions from districts and charter schools.

- **April 23, 2021**: ODE will review feedback collected, update program guidance where needed, and finalize guidance.
- **April 26, 2021 to May 10, 2021**: ODE will initiate an application process that enables school districts to determine if they voluntarily wish to participate in all or some of the grant programs. School districts and/or charter schools must complete application to participate in programs.

- **May 12, 2021**: ODE must report back to Legislature on program guidance process and planned district participation (preliminary). If accepted, the Legislature will release funding to ODE to make grant awards.

- **May 16, 2021 to May 31, 2021**: ODE will begin executing Grant Agreements with school districts and/or charter schools.

**Purpose**

The Summer Enrichment Grants provide funding for school districts (or charter schools that wish to participate independently) to offer services for K-8 students for: (1) enrichment activities (robotics, dance, martial arts, art, music, outdoor programs, etc.); (2) academic learning and readiness supports (summer school, bridge programs, transition programs, etc.); and/or (3) social-emotional and mental health services. These programs may be provided by the school/district with local staff or in partnership with other organizations. Best practices for districts would be to have staff and facilities open to facilitate in-person enrichment activities.

**Funding Availability**

Funding for Summer Enrichment Grants provides resources that support 75 percent of the estimated cost of providing services. The estimated cost is calculated based on a maximum of $1,800 per student which enables a minimum of 17.6 percent K-8 students to participate. The total estimated cost is $124,943,787 of which up to $93,707,840 would be provided through Summer Enrichment/Academic Program Grants.

- **Match Requirement**

  Eligible recipients must agree to cover 25% of their total program costs with other recipient resources. These funding sources may include any local, state, federal, and/or private resources allocated to the recipient and must be used for the same Eligible Uses of Funds outlined below.
• **District Allocations**

We have provided a separate table that details the allocations for this grant. This table includes district and charter school allocations as well as the matching requirement for each district and charter school.

**Eligible Applicants**

School Districts and Public Charter Schools are eligible to receive a Summer Enrichment Grant. School districts are strongly encouraged to apply on behalf of their charter schools. Should a district opt to not participate or is unable to apply on behalf of a charter school, then the charter school may apply separately. Education Service Districts may apply on behalf of a school district or consortia of districts. Similarly, multiple districts may apply together for a grant.

**Eligible Uses of Funds**

Recipients may use the funds for expenses related to summer enrichment programs that include academic, enrichment, or social, emotional and mental health services for students that fall into one of the following categories:

- **Teachers and Support Personnel:** All personnel related costs to staffing summer enrichment programs.
- **Curriculum, Supplies, and Technology:** All expenses related to providing curriculum, technology, and other supplies related to summer enrichment programs.
- **COVID-19 related Expenses:** All expenses related to meeting COVID-19 safety standards for providing on-site, in-person summer enrichment programs.
- **Third-Party Contracts:** All expenses related to contracting with third parties to provide summer enrichment programs.
- **Student Expenses:** All expenses related to providing incentives and removing barriers to student participation in summer enrichment programs.
- **Facility related Expenses:** All expenses related to providing facilities that will support and house summer enrichment programs.
- **Transportation Expenses:** All expenses for transportation related to providing summer enrichment programs.
- **Snacks and Meals:** All expenses related to providing nutritious snacks and meals to participants in summer enrichment programs.
- **Administrative Expenses:** Recipients may use 5% of the grant funds for administrative expenses related to providing summer enrichment programs.
**Expenditure Period**

Grant funding is available for any eligible use of funding from the period May 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021. Final expenditures must be made by September 30, 2021.

**Grant Procedures**

To participate in the Summer Enrichment Grant, all recipients must submit an application by May 10, 2021, that identifies the percentage of K-8 students the recipient intends to serve and a brief synopsis of what programs or strategies will be used to provide opportunities for each participating student.

Once applications are accepted, recipients must enter into a grant agreement with ODE that outlines eligible uses, reporting requirements and program requirements for grant funding. Grant agreements will need to be signed by June 10, 2021.

Upon execution of each agreement, ODE will release 25% of the grant award to allow for initial funding to start up the program. Every draw of funding thereafter will be processed upon request for reimbursement of funds.

**Program Parameters**

Summer Enrichment and Academic Programs include indoor or outdoor activities, as well as additional courses, that supplement classroom learning. Programs that provide emotional and mental health supports and programs that provide social and emotional learning are qualified programs. Programs can be full or part day. Programs may vary widely with some focused on academics that offer courses in science, math, writing, etc., while others may be more elective in nature, with classes such as art, music, and cooking. Many may be a blend of the two.

**Program Requirements**

All recipients participating in this grant program shall:

- Comply with Ready Schools Safe Learners Guidance (RSSL) for programs conducted at school district facilities as follows:
  - RSSL Section 0:
    - Public schools may halt or transition a portion or all of the summer learning program to Comprehensive Distance Learning when responding in partnership with a local public health authority or the Oregon Health Authority to control active transmission of COVID-19 in the program.
If your On-Site summer program is located in a county that does not meet the advisory metrics; that is, an elementary school in a county that is not in the On-Site or Hybrid (green) row or the Elementary On-Site or Hybrid (yellow) row or a middle or high school in a county that is not in the On-Site or Hybrid (green) row (Section 0b); the school must offer access to on-site testing for symptomatic students and staff identified on campus as well as those with known exposures to individuals with COVID. This resource is available to all schools in Oregon. See guidance from the Oregon Health Authority.

All public and private schools are required to keep their Operational Blueprint up-to-date on ODE’s website and to submit weekly “Status Reports” that provide essential information regarding how many students are served in person in the implementation of this metrics framework.

- All requirements in RSSL Section 1.
- All requirements in parts 2c-2o RSSL Section 2.
- All requirements in RSSL Section 3.

- Comply with OHA youth program guidance for summer enrichment programs that occur at a third-party site.
- Comply with ELD requirements for any childcare provided as a part of summer enrichment program.
- Prioritize students who have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic
- Provide additional family resources (food, transportation, etc.) to encourage maximum participation from target families.
- To the maximum extent possible, provide onsite enrichment activities for students.
- Districts that receive Title VI funds must consult with their tribes as they set up this program.

**Reporting Requirements**

All funding for the grant must be accounted for separately by recipients. No later than November 1, 2021, recipient will provide a final report that includes the following;

- Final financial report of all eligible grant expenditures (including match), including any final request for funding, or if applicable, any return of funding.
Financial Reporting will require districts to report per Appendix G of the Program Budget and Accounting Manual (PBAM) which will allow us to track new program expenses for reporting purposes.

Final Program Output and Outcome reports that shows:

- Total number of students served by grade
- Total number of services and programs offered
- Types of services and programs offered (based on broad predetermined categories)