

Dear *[Applicant]*,

Thank you for your interest in accessing Speech Language Stipend funding. The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) oversees the Education Stability Fund grant program to assist districts, Educational Service Districts, and Early Intervention/Early Childhood Programs in recruitment and hiring of Speech Language Pathologists (SLP) and Speech Language Pathology Assistants (SLPA). More information can be found [here](#).

[ESD or School District as Employer], in collaboration with ODE, has developed a process to support access to the Speech Language Stipend funds for up to \$9,000 per SLP applicant or up to \$2,000 per SLPA applicant. The funds are granted to recipients after the **completion of two years of employment** with *[ESD or School District as Employer]* per OAR 581-17-0880.

Stipend applicants are required to provide the following documentation with the online [application](#):

- Acceptance letter as a newly hired SLP- CF or SLPA or official contract from employer
- Copy of degree or unofficial transcript

[ESD or School District as Employer] will verify the participants completion of responsibility once the 2-year agreement has been completed between the SLP/SLPA. ODE will ask the participant to complete a final survey, and funds will subsequently be disbursed to the ESD or School District and are subject to applicable payroll taxes.

Identified supervising SLP will be granted up to \$800 for their responsibilities for supporting the participant's two-year completion of the program.

Please note that ODE anticipates that all applicants are expected to access funds. If, however, there is increased demand, ODE may need to prioritize applicants working in rural districts.

Thank you, again, for your interest in a Speech Language Stipend. Contact *[ESD or School District as Employer]* with any questions.

Regards,
