

# 2025 Community Conversations Statewide Tour

## Virtual Session ... March 5, 2025



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# Agenda for Today

- ☐ Welcome and YDO Introductions
- ☐ Agency Overview
- ☐ 2025-27 Budget
- ☐ Strategic Plan and Agency Focus
- ☐ Grantmaking in 2025-27
- ☐ Upcoming RFAs
- ☐ Questions and Answers



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- Utilize chat and reaction functions to ask questions, request to share, and/or emphasize points during discussion
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- Know all RFA materials are in final development and are the official guidance for each RFA once published. Today's presentation and information is a nonbinding dialogue to share anticipated RFA updates.

# YDO Background



**Youth  
Development  
Council**

A state advisory council, the governing body of YDD. Governor-appointed practitioners, advocates, and youth experts.



**Youth  
Development  
Division**

A state government agency driving statewide youth development through grants, policy, and collaboration.



**Youth  
Development  
Oregon**

The work of the Youth Development Council and Youth Development Division collectively.

# Vision & Mission



## VISION

All of Oregon's youth have the opportunity to thrive and achieve their full potential.

## MISSION

Youth Development Oregon aligns systems and invests in communities to ensure equitable and effective services for youth ages 6 through 24. Throughout Oregon and Tribal Nations, we support educational and career success, disrupt youth crime and violence, and affirm youth strengths and safety.





# Youth Focused

By statute, youth served by YDO are:

- **Ages 6-24**
- **Facing barriers to and experiencing disparities in educational success**
- **Justice involved**
- **Foster care involved (and transitioning out of system)**
- **Experiencing homelessness and poverty**
- **With disabilities and unique needs**
- **Out of school without diploma/GED (Reengagement)**
- **Disconnected from education and employment**



# Grant-Supported Services for Youth



- Youth Development: Mentoring, life skills, academic support, sports, enrichment, career exploration, homelessness services
- Youth Reengagement: High School Diploma and GED Completion, outreach, coaching, training, support services
- Workforce: Job readiness skills, work experience and coaching
- Prevention, intervention and outreach to ensure community safety and disrupt violence
- Transition programs from foster care
- Capacity building, coordination to improve schools, districts, community organizations, and youth-serving systems





# 2025-27 Youth Grants Budget

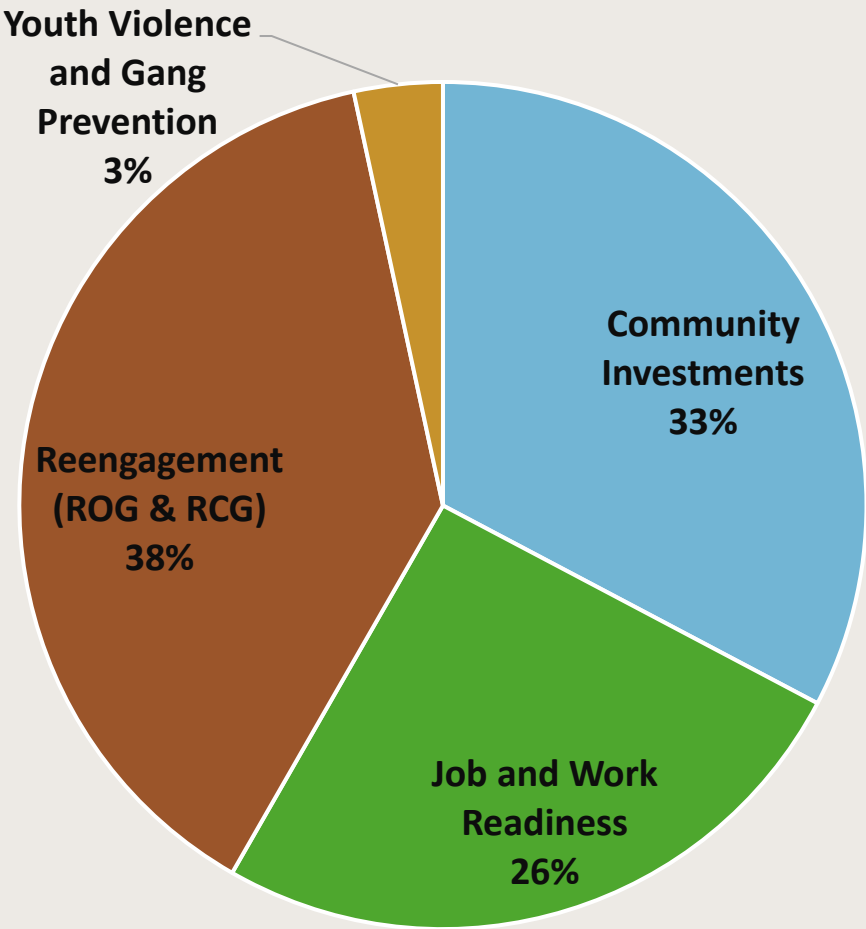
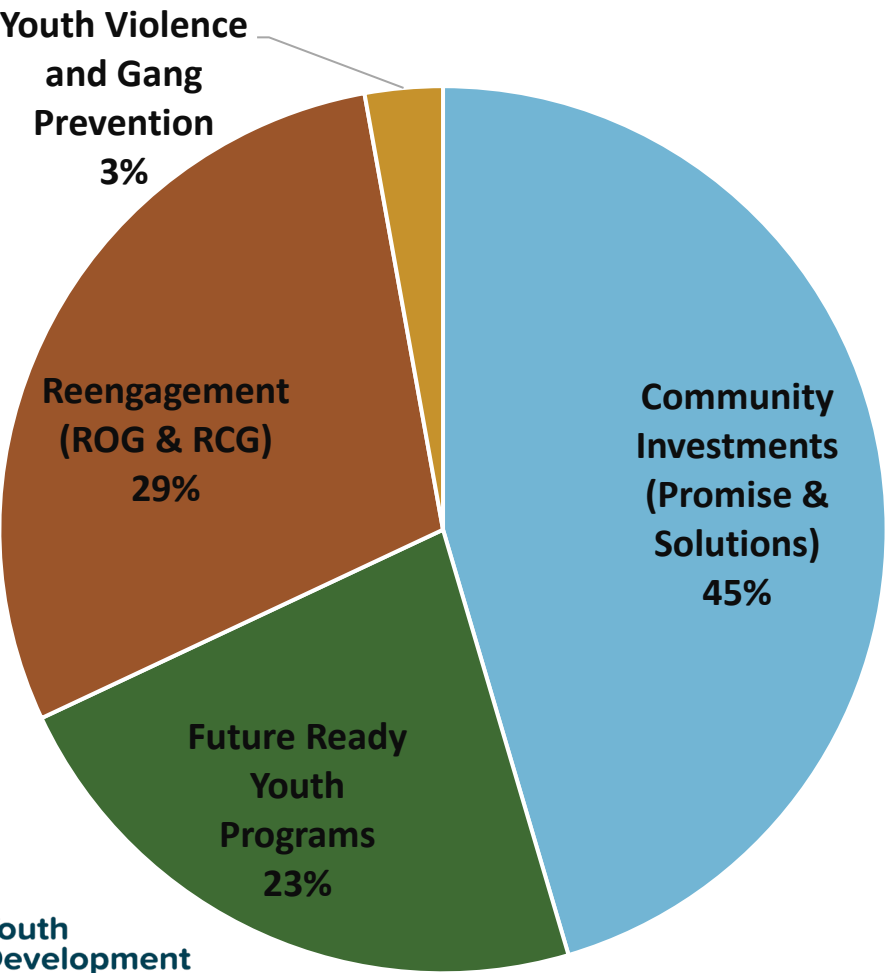


- Economic forecast and Governor's budget
- Final budget to be adopted by legislature by mid-summer
- One-time Future Ready Youth Program funding (Federal ARPA COVID Relief Funding) is expiring
- Community Investments will use Federal funds (\$5.8 Million in 2025-27 Biennium)

# Estimated Youth Grants Budget

2023-25: \$28.9M Total Funds

2025-27: \$22.2M Anticipated Total funds  
(\$6.7M Reduction)



# YDO 2025-28 Strategic Plan



Youth Development Oregon is developing an updated Strategic Plan to guide the agency's work over the next three years.

The following is an overview of elements of the draft plan – we welcome your input, questions and ideas about the plan in progress.

# YDO Strategic Plan

## 3 Imperatives Guide the Plan



1

**Prevention & Intervention:** Stop problems such as youth disconnection, community violence, and delinquency from occurring or worsening by addressing root causes and focusing upstream

2

**Connection & Change:** Increase positive connections and opportunities for youth, families and communities

3

**Equity & Transparency:** Push our work and youth serving systems to be more equitable, just, and responsive

# YDO Strategic Plan

## 8 Strategies



Each Strategy represents a body of work YDO will carry out in the Strategic Plan:

1. **Strengthen Council Involvement, Voice & Impact**
2. **Build a Sense of Inclusion & Belonging in YDO**
3. **Expand Awareness and Understanding of YDO**
4. **Increase Alignment with Youth Serving Agencies**
5. **Elevate Efforts to Prevent Youth Violence and Justice System Involvement**
6. **Engage and Share Power with Youth**
7. **Connect Youth and Programs through Data, Reporting and Information Sharing**
8. **Redesign Youth Grants for Accessibility, Connectivity and Impact**



# YDO Strategic Plan

## Potential Projects



### Strategy: **Engage and Share Power with Youth**

- Partner with current and previous grantees to recruit new youth members to the Youth Development Council
- Develop an aligned youth activity for program participants in conjunction with quarterly grantee convening
- Consult with youth on how to effectively and responsibly share their stories and involve them in advocating for youth programs

# YDO Strategic Plan

## Next Steps



**COMING SOON**

The full plan will be available on the YDO website soon for review and input from the community

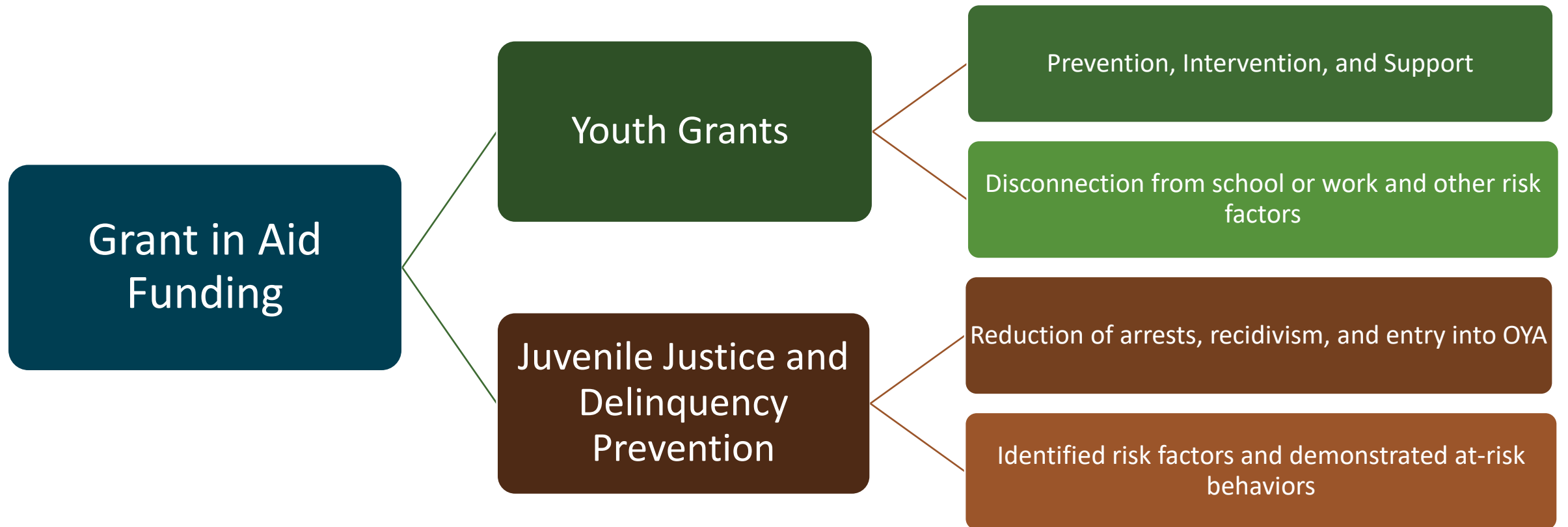
# Next Agenda Items

- ✓ Welcome and Introductions
- ✓ Agency Overview
- ✓ 2025-27 Budget
- ✓ Strategic Plan and Agency Focus
- ☐ YDO Grantmaking
- ☐ Upcoming RFAs
- ☐ Questions and Answers



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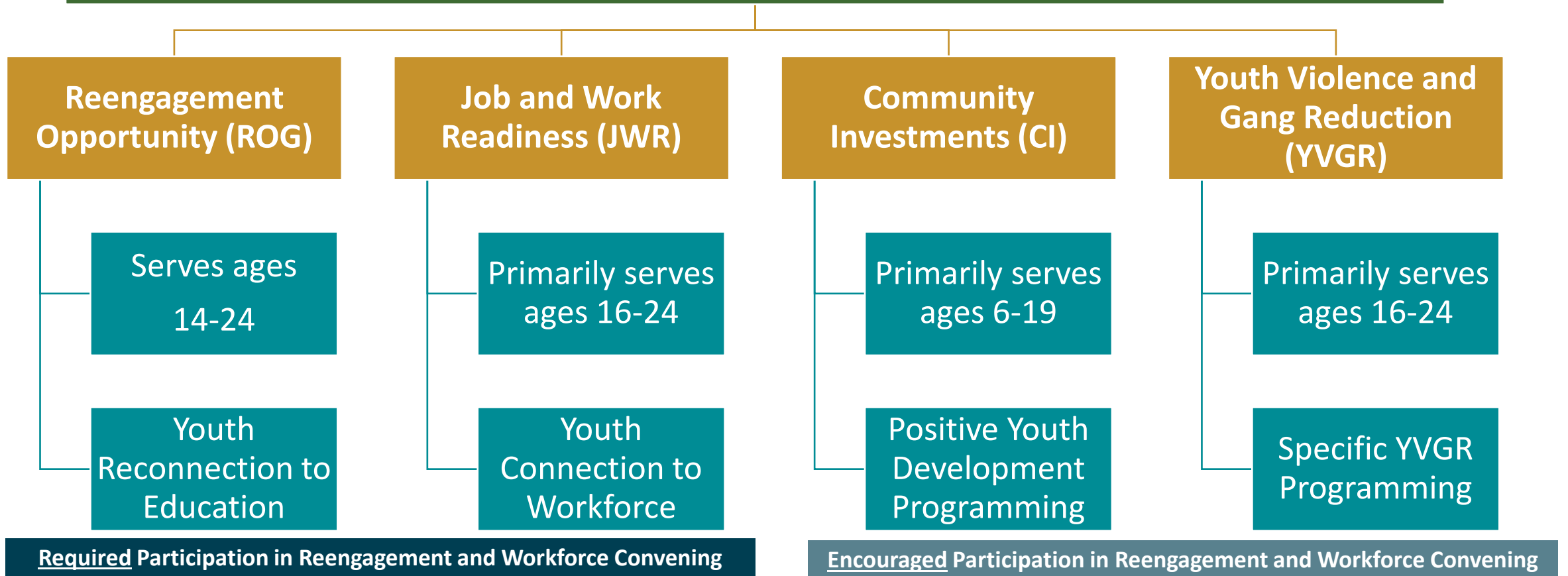
# YDO Grantmaking



# Youth Grants Portfolio



## 2025-27 Youth Grants Portfolio





# Reengagement Opportunity Grant



The goals of the Reengagement Opportunity Grant are to:

- **Reconnect** youth to high-school level education
- Provide **outreach** to Eligible Youth for Reengagement Services
- Deliver education, training, and support services that lead to **high school completion**
- Provide **Reengagement Services** to meet the needs of the individual **Eligible Youth**

# Job and Work Readiness Grant



The goals of the Job and Work Readiness Grant are to:

- **Support youth development** and skill-building for work readiness and success in living-wage careers
- Reduce youth disconnection from school and/or work through **Essential Employability Skills training**
- Increase **Paid Work Experiences**, paid apprenticeships or internships, and/or **Industry-Recognized Credentials**
- Encourage multi-sector **collaboration** with ROG grantees

# Community Investment Grant



The goals of the Community Investment Grant are to:

- **Increase youth engagement** in and connection to school and community
- **Reduce barriers** and **support access** to services that improve youth educational outcomes, connection, and wellness
- Increase youth participation in **safe and welcoming programming** and connection to positive role models
- **Support and promote** the well-being of youth through educational and career success

# Youth Violence and Gang Reduction Youth Development Oregon

The goals of the Youth Violence and Gang Reduction Grant are to:

- **Address factors** leading to or exposing youth to violent and/or criminal activity
- Direct **community outreach** and/or **intervention services**
- Support **re-entry** and other **wrap around** supportive services
- Support **prosocial activities** and positive **safe spaces**

# Key Terms



- Youth Furthest from Opportunity
- Eligible Youth
- Returning Grantee
- Operational Project
- New Project
- Individual-level Participant Data



# RFA and Award Process

## RFA and Award Process



## Components

### Application

- Organization Information
- Evaluation Criteria
- Letters of Partnership
- Proposed Budget
- Minimum Qualifications

### Evaluation

- Evaluator Assignment
- Application Evaluation
- Score Calculation
- Regional Awards

### Award

- Intent to Award
- Appeal Process
- Applicant Feedback
- Insurance
- Grant Agreements

# Upcoming RFAs



## 2025-27 Youth Grants

### **Reengagement Opportunity Grant**

Estimated release: mid-March to early April 2025

### **Job and Work Readiness Grant**

Estimated release: late March to Mid-April 2025

### **Community Investment Grant**

Estimated release: mid- to late Spring 2025

### **Youth Violence and Gang Reduction Grant**

Estimated release: TBD for Fall 2025

RFA application windows of 60 days, with Intent to Award anticipated to start with ROG mid/late summer 2025

# Application and Award Limits



## Application Limits

- One application in Reengagement Opportunity (ROG)
- One application in Job and Work Readiness (JWR)
- Up to two applications in Community Investments (CI)

## Each application must provide:

- One program in one location **or**
- Different programs in one location **or**
- Same programming for youth in different geographic service areas

# Application and Award Limits



- Awards for current **Operational Project** collecting **Individual-level Participant Data**:
  - **New-to-YDO** may receive up to \$200,000 per award
  - **Returning Grantee** may receive up to
    - \$300,000 in Previously Funded RFA type, per award
    - \$200,000 in New RFA type, per award
- Awards for **New Programming**, startup, pilot, seasonal programs, and/or system-level work or other programming that does not collect Individual-level Participant Data\*
  - **All Awardees** may receive up to \$150,000 per award
- **Each Applicant** is limited to \$600,000 in total awards across Community Investment, Reengagement Opportunity, and Job and Work Readiness Grants

\* All Reengagement Opportunity Grants are required to collect Individual-level Participant Data

# Key Updates to Anticipate



- Staggered RFA Release
- Funding Level Updates
- Individual-level Participant Data
- Letters of Partnership
- Updated Evaluation and Scoring Processes
- Increased word count maximum on Evaluation Items



# Anticipated RFA Specific Updates



## Reengagement Opportunity Grant

- Deliver, or partner to deliver, all Reengagement Services, including
  - Outreach
  - Educational Access
  - One-on-one supports
  - Post-secondary transition
- Track participant progress until high school completion or grant cycle ends
- Required participation in twice-yearly in-person convenings
- Connection to Job and Work Readiness Grantees
- Letters of partnerships (two to four letters)

# Anticipated RFA Specific Updates



## **Job and Work Readiness Grant**

- New RFA type combining Future Ready and CI Workforce Readiness Initiatives
- Required Essential Employability Skills training and focus on youth development
- Required Paid Work Experience or Industry-Recognized Credential
- Focus on Youth Furthest from Opportunity
- Required Participation in twice-yearly in-person convenings
- Required connection to Education Service provider(s)
- Letters of Partnership (two to four letters)

# Anticipated RFA Specific Updates



## **Community Investment Grant**

- Removal of initiatives (Separate work readiness and Youth Violence and Gang Reduction RFA)
- Letters of Partnership (two to four letters)
- Individual-level Participant Data updates, including requiring name
- Primarily Title XX funds (federal)
- Focus on Youth Furthest from Opportunity

# Next Steps Checklist



## YDO Request for Applications (RFA) Checklist

- ☐ Subscribe to the YDO email list for RFA and other important announcements
- ☐ Visit YDO website to learn more about Community Investment grants; Reengagement grants; and other grant opportunities at [oregon.gov/youthdevelopmentdivision](https://oregon.gov/youthdevelopmentdivision)
- ☐ Attend Mandatory Pre-Application Conference (dates will be published in RFA and posted on YDO website, and attendance or viewing of the recording is required)
- ☐ Review the RFA Question and Answer document(s) when published
- ☐ Determine the appropriate YDO application(s) for your organization and program(s)
- ☐ Create (or access) your account in our application system, SM Apply: [oregonyouth.smapply.io](https://oregonyouth.smapply.io)
- ☐ **Complete and Submit your application(s) before the deadline**





# Thank You



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