

The 2025-26 Inspired Teacher Grant Program presents an opportunity for Orange County public school teachers to seek funding for projects, field trips, tools, materials or ideas that will present an enrichment opportunity for their students & enhance the educational experience of their classroom, department, or school.



General Information

Who Can Apply

All credentialed preK/TK-12 public school teachers currently teaching in a school in Orange County.

Grant Guidelines

- Grant must be utilized by the end of the 2025-26 school year.
- Limit of one grant request per teacher.
- Considerations given to (1) the number of students impacted by the grant request and (2) socio-economic status of school and students.

Award amounts

- Up to **\$1,000** per class project
- Up to **\$5,000** per grade level or dept project
- Up to **\$10,000** per school project

Proposal Deadline:

October 10, 2025 at 5:00 PM PST

Apply here:



All Requests

Grants May Fund

- Materials, supplies and/or curricula directly related to the project
- Assemblies, speakers and curriculum-related student field trips
- New or expanded projects that create memorable learning experiences
- Creative cross-curricular projects that excite students and teachers
- Programs in any subject area that directly support student learning objectives
- Projects may serve a classroom, department, school

Grants May Not Fund:

- Non-academic costs, such as indirect costs, grant administration fees, or salaries, facility improvements, building, and maintenance expenses
- Prizes, incentives
- Reimbursements for purchases made prior to the grant award
- Post-high school programs

This year, the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation is partnering with the Inspired Teacher Grant program to provide funding for High School STEM requests.

High School STEM Requests

High School STEM grants may be used to:

- Purchase and implement new STEM curriculum materials and supplies for project-based learning activities.
- Purchase scientific equipment that supports capacity building or facilitates program sustainability
- Arrange for students to visit a local science-focused presentation, workshop, exhibit, or field site to deepen students' understanding of STEM concepts and interact with experts (includes providing for substitute teacher(s), buses, lunches, admission fees).
- Develop and implement a project that supports collaborative and experiential learning leading to mastery of essential academic STEM content.
- Bring in a STEM expert from local industry, college/university academia, medicine, or government to build students' awareness of science careers and opportunities.
- Enable students to engage in a STEM learning experience connected to a real-world issue/challenge that enhances students' critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and communication and collaboration skills.
- Grant funds can be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment for a science lab, or transportation. For materials, applications must indicate how the materials play a central role in deepening high school students' STEM knowledge.
- At this time, STEM proposals focused solely on funding requests for electronics such as laptops, Chromebooks, tablets, or other devices are not accepted.

Apply here:



Questions?

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