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Douglas County Teachers are Invited to Apply for *Fund For Teachers* Grant by January 18, 2024

Annual program grants educators up to \$10,000 for professional development projects that enrich their teacher practice, school and communities

Roseburg, Ore. — Applications are now open for the Fund For Teachers program that awards up to \$5,000 for individual teachers and up to \$10,000 for teams of educators. The program supports teacher-designed, summer learning experiences that impact their practice, students and school communities.

Apply by January 18, 2024 through the Fund For Teachers website.

Eligibility

Public school teachers in pre-school through 12th grade classrooms are strongly encouraged to apply if they meet all of the following criteria:

- Licensed Douglas County public school teacher
- Have three or more years of experience in the classroom
- Spend at least 50 percent of their time providing instruction
- Commit to teaching the following year

Proposals should focus on summer educational experiences that teachers deem relevant to their careers and classrooms. Fellowship proposals that prioritize teachers seeking solutions to their own, genuine problems of practice will be best aligned to grant goals. Applications will be scored by a team for completeness and meeting application requirements.

Up to \$50,000 total will be awarded to Douglas County teachers. Individuals may apply for up to \$5,000; teams of two or more educators may apply for up to \$10,000.

This initiative is part of The Ford Family Foundation's ongoing work to support teachers and develop networks of high-quality teachers and leaders in Douglas County, Oregon, who collaborate to improve student academic and life outcomes. Doing so contributes to the Foundation's goal of ensuring that children have the family, educational and community supports they need to succeed in life. This is the eighth year that Fund For Teachers has been available to Douglas County educators.



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About Fund For Teachers

Fund for Teachers (FFT) is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to investing in the professional development of pre-K to 12th-grade educators across the country. FFT has provided \$35 million in grants to more than 9,200 public, private, and charter school teachers for self-designed summer fellowships and experiential learning opportunities. Visit <u>www.fundforteachers.org</u> for more information.

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