Nonpublic STEM Grant

The Nonpublic STEM Grant is a funding opportunity for nonpublic schools to develop or expand programs that provide STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) educational opportunities for students educated in nonpublic schools across Ohio.

What is the Nonpublic STEM Grant?

The Nonpublic STEM Grant is a state grant that may be awarded to nonpublic schools for STEM equipment, programs, or teaching personnel. This grant helps nonpublic schools purchase the resources and technology needed to implement STEM educational activities at their schools. If a nonpublic school receiving an award under this section intends to use a portion of the award to support teaching personnel, the school may use the award to support up to one full-time equivalent position.

An applicant must be a nonpublic school registered in the State of Ohio and operate the grant from an Ohio location. Use of the grant funds is allowable statewide and must serve nonpublic school students.

Applicants must be able to clearly demonstrate how the funds will be used, including description and duration of the project, budget and plan for maintenance, and impact on students.

Available Funding

For fiscal years 2024 and 2025, \$612,500 is available for each fiscal year. Grantees may receive up to \$75,000 per nonpublic school. There is only one application period. Successful grantees will receive the first half of their awarded amounts at the end of March 2024 and the second half of their awarded amounts in July 2024.

Who is eligible to apply for the grant?

Nonpublic schools are eligible for this grant. To be considered for this grant, please fill out the grant application below.

When is the grant application due?

The competitive grant application will be available to eligible nonpublic schools on Jan. 12, 2024. The competitive application closes Feb. 29, 2024.

What does the grantee have to do?

- The grantee should expend all awarded funds in accordance with the approved application and the allowable purposes.
- The grantee will complete a report in May 2025 outlining how the funds were spent.
- The grantee will return any unspent funds to the Department.

Where can I learn more about STEM?

Find additional information on the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's STEM Resources webpage.

Questions

Direct questions to schoolfinance@education.ohio.gov.

