



Southeast Early Learning Coalition

Early Learning Funding Landscape

Open and prospective funding
opportunities as of March 2022

This packet contains lists of open and prospective funding opportunities for early childhood education as of March 2022. It was produced by Arrowleaf Consulting for the Southeast Early Learning Coalition with funding from Washington Communities for Children and support from the Educational Service District 123.

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The Southeast Early Learning Coalition serves Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Walla, Columbia, Garfield, and Asotin counties.



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Open Funding Opportunities

The following table lists available federal, state, and foundation funding opportunities that are currently accepting applications sorted by due date.

Funder	Program	Due Date	Amount	Summary	Website
Blue Mt Community Foundation	Warren Community Action Fund	3/31/2022	Unknown	Grants are made to support programs that improve the quality of life in the community focusing on areas of health, education, basic human needs, children and youth, agricultural education and training, historic preservation, scientific programs, arts and recreation, and the environment.	https://www.bluemountainfoundation.org/grants-scholarships/grants/discretionary-grants/
OSPI Rural Education Initiative (Title V, B)	Small, Rural School Achievement Program (SRSA)	4/1/2022	Most \$40K-\$270K	Apply directly to USDOE. 600 students or less in district. WW county qualifies for rural criteria. Average daily attendance + \$20K up to a max of \$60K. From the amount above, subtract the funds for each school district from appropriations of the preceding Federal fiscal year under: Title II-A; Title IV-A. Either participate in the SRSA or RLIS, but not both.	https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/rural-insular-native-achievement-programs/rural-education-achievement-program/small-rural-school-achievement-program/awards/
Wildhorse Foundation	Community Development	4/1/2022	Up to \$20K; 1 per year per org	Goal is to benefit communities: Walla Walla and most of Columbia included with Umatilla in Oregon. Rapid response grants (\$1K or less).	http://www.thewildhorsefoundation.com/guidelines/
USDA Rural Development	Rural Community Development Initiative grants	4/19/2022	\$50K-\$250K; 50% match	Any place with less than 50K people. Funds child care facilities. Also provides technical assistance. Contact RD office.	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-community-development-initiative-grants
WA Department of Commerce	Early Learning Facilities Program, Minor Renovations Grants	5/3/2022	\$1,000,000	Grants made by the ELF program are for reimbursement of capital projects only. Capital costs may include acquisition, design, engineering, third-party construction management, and construction and capitalized equipment costs associated with building early learning facilities.	https://www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/capital-facilities/early-learning-program/
WA OSPI	School Construction Assistance Program	5/16/2022		Funding assistance to school districts for major new construction or modernization projects. Covers 68% (for CP) of eligible costs of construction as match to local funding. State funding. Meet with OSPI regional facilities coordinator	https://www.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/school-buildings-facilities/school-construction-assistance-program-scrap

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Wildhorse Foundation	Community Development	7/1/2022	Up to \$20K; 1 per year per org	Goal is to benefit communities: Walla Walla and most of Columbia included with Umatilla in Oregon. Rapid response grants (\$1K or less).	http://www.thewildhorsefoundation.com/guidelines/
WA OSPI	School Construction Assistance Program	7/18/2022		Funding assistance to school districts for major new construction or modernization projects. Covers 68% (for CP) of eligible costs of construction as match to local funding. State funding. Meet with OSPI regional facilities coordinator	https://www.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/school-buildings-facilities/school-construction-assistance-program-scap
WA OSPI	School Construction Assistance Program	9/16/2022		Funding assistance to school districts for major new construction or modernization projects. Covers 68% (for CP) of eligible costs of construction as match to local funding. State funding. Meet with OSPI regional facilities coordinator	https://www.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/school-buildings-facilities/school-construction-assistance-program-scap
OSPI Rural Education Initiative (Title V, B)	Rural low-income schools Program (RLIS)	Ongoing	Most \$40K-\$270K	Rural Low-income Schools Program (RLIS)--OSPI provides subgrants annually to rural LEAs that serve concentrations of children from low-income families. Funds used under expanded opportunities in Title 1, Part A, and Title 2,3,4 parts A. 20% of students need to be below poverty line. Need to check codes if eligible. Submit through iGrants.	https://www.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/grants-grant-management/rural-education-initiative/rural-and-low-income-schools-rlis
USDA Rural Development	Community Facilities Program	Ongoing	No state limit	Funds education and child care facilities. Percentage of grant/loan determined by size of town and median income. Towns 20K or less eligible. Often a part of braided funding. Contact RD office. Up to 75% of project cost if town qualifies. Environmental review must be completed.	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/community-facilities-programs
USDA Rural Development	Economic Impact Initiative Grants	Ongoing	up to 75% of project costs	Child care facilities are eligible. Communities with less than 20K people with a not employed rate greater than 19.5% and median income below 90% of state average. Contact RD office	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/economic-impact-initiative-grants
WA OSPI	Emergency Repair Pool	Ongoing	No limit	If addressing imminent health risk. Areas include repair of structural systems electrical, HVAC, etc. Fire and life safety code-including fire suppression systems. State appropriations. Need emergency declaration by school board.	https://www.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/school-buildings-facilities/grants-funding-resources-non-scaps/emergency-repair-pool
WA OSPI	Drinking Water Fixture Replacement	Ongoing	No limit	Addresses unexpected and imminent health and safety hazards at K-12 public schools, including Skill Centers, that will impact the day-to-day operations of the school facility.	https://www.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/school-buildings-facilities/grants-funding-resources-non-scaps/emergency-repair-pool

Prospective Funding Opportunities

The following table lists federal, state, and foundation funding opportunities that are not currently accepting applications but should be opening within the next year.

Funder	Program	~ Date	Amount	Summary	Website
WA Department of Commerce	Energy Efficiency and Solar Grant Program	1/29/2021	up to \$500K	School districts and ESD are eligible. Projects that produce energy savings--priority is lighting projects and new applicants.	www.commerce.wa.gov/growing-the-economy/energy/energy-efficiency/
WA OSPI	Healthy Kids-Healthy Schools Grants	12/1/2021	\$200K max per district	Supports physical education/physical activity and nutrition. Procure equipment, repair, and renovation of existing equipment or facilities, design and construction of new space and infrastructure. Drinking water fixture replacement.	www.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/school-buildings-facilities/grants-funding-resources-non-scrap/healthy-kids-healthy-schools-grants
WA OSPI	Health and Safety ADA Equal Access Grant	12/2/2021	\$100K max, \$10K min.	No matching funds required. Facility repairs and alterations at K-12 schools.	www.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/school-buildings-facilities/grants-funding-resources-non-scrap
WA OSPI	Career Preparation and Launch Grant Program	12/3/2021	\$150,000	to purchase and install career and technical education equipment that expands career connected learning and work-integrated learning opportunities.	
WA OSPI	Urgent Repair Pool	12/9/2021	\$200K max	To address non-reoccurring urgent small repair projects at public schools, that could impact health and safety of students and staff if not completed.	www.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/school-buildings-facilities/grants-funding-resources-non-scrap/urgent-repair-grant
Sherwood Trust	Core Grants	3/8/2023	\$20,000+	General operating and capacity building grants.	www.sherwoodtrust.org/grant-applications
Sherwood Trust	Impact Grants	3/8/2023	\$5K-20K	General operating and capacity building grants.	www.sherwoodtrust.org/grant-applications
Blue Mt Community Foundation	GCACH Healthy Community Fund 2021	5/1/2022	\$5K-20K	Funding available for programs addressing specific social determinants of health (SDOH) affecting residents in our region. Early learning was priority in 2021. Last year due dates in May, 2022 dates not released yet.	www.bluemountainfoundation.org/grants-scholarships/grants/discretionary-grants/

Funder	Program	~ Date	Amount	Summary	Website
WA Department of Commerce	Early Learning Facilities Program	6/1/2022	\$1,000,000	Helps Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) contractors and Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) providers to expand, remodel, purchase, or construct early learning facilities and classrooms necessary to support early learning opportunities for children from low-income households. Expected to open late Spring 2022.	www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/capital-facilities/early-learning-program/
WA OSPI	Small Rural District Modernization Grant	6/1/2022	\$50K planning grants. No stated budget max.	Districts with less than 1K students. Only for permanent school district facilities. No match funds required. State appropriations. This funding is intended for small districts where the school facility does not need to be replaced or require an extensive modernization but does not have significant building system deficiencies. Funding for 2019-2021 announced. Expect opening early 2022.	www.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/school-buildings-facilities/grants-funding-resources-non-scip/small-rural-modernization-grant
WA Department of Commerce	Youth Recreational Facilities Grant	6/1/2022	\$1,200,000	To defray up to 25 percent of eligible capital costs for the acquisition, construction and/or major renovation of nonresidential youth recreational facilities. Application reopens Spring 2022.	www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/capital-facilities/youth-recreational-facilities/
WA Department of Commerce	Child Care Partnership Grants	7/1/2022	\$100K max	Supports local partnerships to develop action plans that stabilize and expand child care capacity in communities. Due in July and September in 2021. State appropriations.	www.commerce.wa.gov/about-us/boards-and-commissions/child-care-collaborative-task-force/child-care-partnership-grants/
WA Department of Commerce	Building Communities Fund	7/1/2022	No limit	Columbia, Garfield, Grant, Yakima counties eligible based on unemployment, or project must serve substantial no. of low-income people. College Place, Columbia, Dixie, Prescott, Touchet, and Walla Walla School Districts eligible in Walla Walla County. Grants for 25% of eligible capital costs. Reimburses expenses. State appropriations. Applications will open Summer 2022.	www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/capital-facilities/building-communities-fund/
WA OSPI	Closing Educational Achievement Grants (Title 1, Part A)	7/1/2022	No limit	Can be used to provide high quality preschool and other early learning programs and activities. Title 1, Part A funds can be used for minor repairs or remodeling on existing spaces, or for renting more appropriate space. Applications expected to open Summer 2022.	www.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/grants-grant-management/closing-educational-achievement-gaps-title-i-part/early-learning-title-i-part-programs
Blue Mt Community Foundation	Discretionary Grants	10/1/2022	\$35,000	Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, and Umatilla Counties	www.bluemountainfoundation.org/grants-scholarships/grants/discretionary-grants/

Grant Application Timeline	Due Date	2022										2023		
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OSPI Rural Education Initiative (Title V, B), Rural low-income schools Program (RLIS)	Ongoing	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
USDA Rural Development, Community Facilities Program	Ongoing	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
USDA Rural Development, Economic Impact Initiative Grants	Ongoing	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
WA OSPI, Emergency Repair Pool	Ongoing	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
WA OSPI, Drinking Water Fixture Replacement	Ongoing	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Sherwood Trust, Core Grants	3/8/2022	●												●
Sherwood Trust, Impact Grants	3/8/2022	●												●
Blue Mt Community Foundation, Warren Community Action Fund	3/31/2022	●												●
OSPI Rural Education Initiative (Title V, B), Small, Rural School Achievement Program (SRSA)	4/1/2022		●											
Wildhorse Foundation, Community Development	4/1/2022		●											
USDA Rural Development, Rural Community Development Initiative grants	4/19/2022		●											
Blue Mt Community Foundation, GCACH Healthy Community Fund 2021	5/1/2022			●										
WA Department of Commerce, Early Learning Facilities Program, Minor Renovations Grants	5/3/2022			●										
WA OSPI, School Construction Assistance Program	5/16/2022			●										
WA Department of Commerce, Early Learning Facilities Program	6/1/2022				●									
WA OSPI, Small Rural District Modernization Grant	6/1/2022				●									
WA Department of Commerce, Youth Recreational Facilities Grant	6/1/2022				●									
WA Department of Commerce, Child Care Partnership Grants	7/1/2022					●								
WA Department of Commerce, Building Communities Fund	7/1/2022					●								
WA OSPI, Closing Educational Achievement Grants (Title 1, Part A)	7/1/2022					●								
Wildhorse Foundation, Community Development	7/1/2022					●								
WA OSPI, School Construction Assistance Program	7/18/2022					●								
WA OSPI, School Construction Assistance Program	9/16/2022							●						
Blue Mt Community Foundation, Discretionary Grants	10/1/2022								●					
WA OSPI, Healthy Kids-Healthy Schools Grants	12/1/2021											●		
WA OSPI, Health and Safety ADA Equal Access Grant	12/2/2021											●		
WA OSPI, Career Preparation and Launch Grant Program	12/3/2021											●		
WA OSPI, Urgent Repair Pool	12/9/2021											●		
WA Department of Commerce, Energy Efficiency and Solar Grant Program	1/29/2021												●	

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