



The Gray Family Foundation Geography Education Program 2016 Geography Education Program Grant Recipients Renewals

Important Dates

2016 Grantees

2017

June 30, 2017; deadline for 2017 grant renewals

August 30, 2017; notification and receipt of 2017 grant renewal

2018

June 30, 2018; deadline for 2018 grant renewals

August 30, 2018; notification and receipt of 2018 grant renewal

2017 Grantees

2018

April 1, 2018; deadline for 2018 grant renewals

May 30, 2018; notification and receipt of 2018 grant renewal

2019

April 1, 2019; deadline for 2019 grant renewals

May 30, 2019; notification and receipt of 2019 grant renewal

Statement of Purpose

Since 2007, the Gray family has supported students and teachers in connecting with outdoor environments through a variety of environmental literacy experiences. The goal of the Gray Family Foundation's (Gray FF) geography grant program is to spark the creativity, talent, and vision of Oregon's formal and informal teachers, schools and districts, and communities to stimulate and promote the integration of geographic concepts and ideas into K-12 curriculum and instruction.

Gray FF, through our Geography Education Program, awards grants to projects that help students develop a command of geographic tools and perspectives, foster a sense of place in their local and global community and prepare them to engage in a way that sustains Oregon's natural and built communities.

Reporting/Renewal Requirements

The Gray Family Foundation appreciates the opportunity to bear witness to your successes and lessons learned. Annually, you will be expected to complete an online grant report and check-in with Gray FF staff on the progress of your funded project. Future funding requests and annual renewals of multi-year funds will not be considered without timely reporting.

Reporting

Gray FF uses annual reporting as a means for renewal to get a scope on the progress of your project or program to date. It is also an opportunity to learn what renewed funding will allow you to sustain and build upon in the next year. Gray FF staff will use this information to determine whether requirements have been met to take a recommendation to the Gray FF board to renew funding. Our goal is to be

brief and purposeful in the information we seek while also gaining greater clarity on how the projects we choose to fund bring us closer to realizing our mission as a foundation and our priorities in the Geography Education Grant program.

Annual reporting includes:

- [On-line report](#) completion
- Documentation of expenditures to date
- Updated project budget
- Photos and/or media clippings (optional)

Annual reporting can be submitted on-line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GMVT6JT>. You will have the opportunity to include both quantitative and narrative indicators of progress and your goals moving forward.

Gray FF also requires documentation of project expenditures to date in each renewal request alongside an updated project budget to reflect any changes since submission of the project proposal. These documents can be submitted to grants@grayff.org. A recommended template is available [on-line](#).

The Gray Family Foundation invites you to submit photographs (300 dpi or larger), stories, media clippings, student work samples, project materials, etc. These materials can be submitted to grants@grayff.org. The photographs and stories shared here may be used on our website or in foundation publications. Please indicate any limitations to our use or attributions that you would like us to include in the use of these items.

Site Visits

Gray FF plans to conduct at least one site visit to each organization awarded a multi-year grant. Our goal for a site visit is to gain a broad, working understanding of your organization and the program/project supported by our grant funding. Our overarching goal is to walk away with a comprehensive understanding of all you do and a specific understanding of how the projects we have funded fit the mission and goals of your organization.

We plan to concentrate most of our Geography Education site visits in the spring and early summer however we encourage you to reach out when there are unique opportunities to highlight your work to Gray FF staff, board or volunteers.

Check-In

It is not always possible for Gray FF staff to complete a site visit in a given year. In years where a site visit is not possible, Gray FF staff may schedule a call with leadership of the funded project with similar goals as a site visit. These calls tend to be much briefer in nature than a site visit and are more targeted on the progress of the funded project.

Gray FF staff is always available to check-in throughout the duration of your project.