



Announcing Geography Education Grants

Request for Proposals 2016

The Gray Family Foundation announces a new grant program 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. The Geography Education Program will award 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.



[Read the complete RFP](#)



Success story: Tillamook ODS

The 40-year tradition of outdoor school runs deep in the Tillamook School District, where each fall about 150 sixth graders spend a week at camp.

[Read story](#)

Signatures Needed for Outdoor School

As many of you know, [OutdoorSchool For All](#) is a statewide, grassroots initiative working to ensure that

all Oregon kids get the experience of one full week at outdoor school. Because of budget cuts, only about half of Oregon kids currently attend outdoor school. You can help! [Sign this petition](#) to put a measure on the ballot in November giving voters the chance to dedicate full, permanent funding for outdoor school, using lottery fund. To find more ways to get involved, visit their [website](#).



Upcoming METRO Grant Workshop

April 11, 2016 Grant Workshop; May 16, 2016 Deadline

Want to restore and care for nature in your community? If you have a vision for improving water quality, creating fish and wildlife habitat, getting rid of weeds, or restoring nature in the Portland metropolitan area, a Metro Nature in Neighborhoods restoration grant can help get your idea off the ground. [Learn](#)

[more](#)

Upcoming Gray Family Fdn. Grant Opportunities

Outdoor School Programs for 5th and/or 6th graders

Open online April 15

Due June 15

Awarded in August

[View the Grants Calendar and apply](#)

You can also download the 2016 [Environmental Education Program Request for Proposals](#) (pdf)



The Gray Family Foundation is founded on the belief that fostering an understanding and appreciation of our natural world is a crucial part of a child's education. By supporting programs such as Outdoor School, geography education and professional development for teachers, we seek to give Oregon students a greater understanding of the world outside their classroom. Learn more at www.grayff.org

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