Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching and learning materials that are free to use, adapt, and share.

As districts develop or adapt OER, we have a tremendous opportunity to share resources across districts via our Washington OER Hub—promoting equitable access to standards-aligned, quality instructional materials. This program is in support of that goal.

**OER Project Grant Walkthrough**

May 4, 2021
3:30 pm–4:30 pm

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**PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS**

**Target Area of Focus**

In order to be considered for funding, proposals must address one of the following areas:

1. Complete the development/adaptation of openly licensed core instructional materials (full year or semester) aligned to state learning standards.

OR

2. Complete the development/adaptation of an openly licensed unit (2–6 weeks—comprised of multiple lessons that build student understanding of a topic or theme) aligned to identified state learning standards.

OR

3. Complete a curated and annotated collection of openly licensed resources for areas with limited OER options (e.g. culturally relevant teaching practices, ethnic studies, social-emotional learning). Resources must be reviewed with the Washington Quality Review Rubric for Lessons and Units, the Screening for Biased Content tool, and address a specific grade band, content area, or target audience.

Priority consideration will be given to projects that address any or all of the following:

- Content integration
- Content areas currently lacking in standards-aligned OER (e.g., Health and Physical Education, Arts, World Languages, Social Studies)
- Delivery in a blended or hybrid learning environment
- Focus on Pre-K–3 students
Resource Sharing and Distribution

All proposals must:
- Ensure adherence to open licensing requirements and proper open resource attribution.
- Link content to or develop content on the Washington OER Hub, so that material can be accessed and used by teachers, schools and districts across the state.

Collaboration

The intent of this effort is to share developed material broadly. Each project must include collaboration that clearly demonstrates impact beyond a single class. Examples include:
- collaboration between teachers in a building
- collaboration between multiple buildings in the school district or between multiple districts
- collaboration between at least two entities (e.g. an Educational Service District and a district, a district and a community-based organization, or a district and a local Tribe)

AWARD AND BUDGET INFORMATION

Type and Number of Awards

- Competitive twelve-month grant for FY21-22. Grant requests may not exceed $15,000 and most awards will be in the $10,000 range.
- Anticipated number of awards: four to six.

Submission Details

- Apply through the iGrants system—Form Package Number 730.
- Submissions may come from a public school, tribal school, district office, or ESD. Only one proposal may be submitted per organization.

Indirect Costs

May be calculated at a rate of 7% for districts and 11% for ESDs

Allowable Activities and Expenses

For schools/districts:
- Costs associated with planning meetings, providing professional development, or developing resources (e.g. substitutes, after work compensation in the form of stipends, food, travel, rental fees, and facilitator stipends)
- Instructional technology—must show a direct connection of why the instructional technology is needed to support the work
- Limited personnel costs (admin assistants and project manager)—activities must be detailed in budget justification.
K–12 Open Educational Resources
2021–2022 OER Project Grant

For educational service districts:
• Learning resources, instructional professional development, and general support

Due Dates

| PROPOSALS DUE: MAY 27, 2021 (BY 4 PM) |
| Grant Timeframe: JULY 01, 2021–JUNE 30, 2022 |

OER Project Application Information

This information appears in the iGrants application – Form Package Number 730.

Assurances

1. All project teams will attend four online meetings throughout the year.

2. All grantees will work with OER Project staff to schedule virtual check-ins as needed to assess progress towards project goals and provide technical assistance for project challenges.

3. All resources produced with the Washington Open Educational Resources (OER) grant will be licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International license. All derivative works made from others’ existing OER must follow the terms of the open license on those works.

4. All resources produced with the Washington Open Educational Resources (OER) grant will be made available to the public through the Washington OER Hub.

5. The grantee will complete a brief survey to establish a baseline and prepare a final report that documents project achievements, deliverables, and shifts in cost spending.

6. Participating districts may be asked to provide input on their experiences and act as models as other districts draft curriculum adoption/usage policies for OER and other digital instructional materials. This will involve completion of teacher and student photo and video release forms.

Definitions

Core Instructional Materials are the primary instructional resources for a given course. They are district-approved and provided to all students to help meet learning standards and provide instruction towards course requirements.

Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use and re-purposing by others. The purpose of OER participation is to positively impact both the teaching and learning process by providing teachers and administrators with cost-effective materials that are available for sharing, accessing, and collaborating for personalized learning.

Proposal Scoring Rubric

All proposals will be reviewed with the scoring rubric at the end of this document. Please review.
Application Questions: Project information and Contact Info

1. Project Name
2. Contact Name
3. Contact Phone
4. Contact Email
5. Check your project **target area of focus**:  
   a) Complete the development/adaptation of openly licensed core instructional materials (full year or semester) aligned to state learning standards.
   b) Complete the development/adaptation of openly licensed unit-level supplemental instructional materials aligned to identified state learning standards.
   c) Complete a curated collection of openly licensed resources for areas with limited OER options.
6. What content area(s) and grade band are targeted by this project?
7. Provide a **brief** Project Summary (250 words or less) that presents a self-contained description of the project activity that would result if the proposal were funded. The summary should address the project’s merits and impact on teacher instruction and student learning.

Application Questions: Project description

This grant is focused on the wide scale sharing of openly licensed, district-developed, instructional materials. As such, preference will be given to projects where this work is already underway or who can make a compelling case for how these materials will be complete and ready to share with the public by the grant end date.

1. Describe the needs addressed by the proposed project, providing evidence to support the need.
2. List the specific project activities or deliverables for the 12-month grant. Provide a timeline.
3. How will adapted or original instructional material be reviewed? Describe the instruments and the process.
4. List the collaborating organizations (this may include individual schools, districts, or ESDs). Include names of teaching staff, curriculum, technology, and administrative leadership participating in the project and identify key roles and responsibilities. Describe the collaboration strategy.
5. If your project is in progress, describe accomplishments to date and clarify how you will build on that work. If work has yet to start, what is your organization’s capacity to complete and share the work by the grant end date?

6. Describe your project’s experience with openly licensed resources (locating, vetting, adaptation, etc.).

7. Provide a justification for how the amounts you entered into the iGrants budget grid were calculated. Categories include salaries/benefits, supplies, purchased services, or travel. Please note any additional in-kind contributions.

Here is a generic example.

Salaries: Cost of work outside contracted hours for X teachers at $Y/hr. $ 
Supplies: Printing costs to provide text for committee review $ 
Services: Costs for external cultural advisor and Tribal liaison $ 
Substitute teacher costs paid in-kind by district
# OER GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW RUBRIC

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| Target Area of Focus           | The proposal **completely addresses** one of the **target areas of focus** – calling out **standards alignment** and resources that **build on student understanding**. Any additional activities beyond the scope described in the RFP are in support of the target focus area. *(for 5 pts) One or more of the following:*  
  - content integration  
  - under-represented content area  
  - blended/remote delivery  
  - focus on Pre-K–3 students | The proposal **addresses one of the target areas of focus**. Most activities beyond the scope described in the RFP are in support of the target focus area. *(for 3 pts) One or more of the following:*  
  - content integration  
  - under-represented content area  
  - blended/remote delivery  
  - focus on Pre-K–3 students | The scope of the grant does not fall into one of the target areas of focus (e.g. a standalone lesson or activity). | 2X          | 10      |
| Content Area/Grade Band        | Target **content area and grade or grade band is clearly defined**. Project involves a **content area** that is **lacking** in standards aligned OER (e.g. Health and Physical Education, the Arts, World Languages, Social Studies). *(for 5 pts) One or more of the following:*  
  - content integration  
  - focus on Pre-K–3 students | Target **content area and grade or grade band is clearly defined**. *(for 3 pts) One or more of the following:*  
  - content integration  
  - focus on Pre-K–3 students | Target **content area and grade or grade band is NOT defined**. | 2X          | 10      |
<p>| Summary                        | The summary is <strong>succinct, well written, and clear</strong>. It describes in <strong>detail why</strong> the project is needed and <strong>what</strong> it looks like, as well as identifying the project <strong>impact</strong>. | Summary is <strong>adequate</strong> to describe project details, <strong>need</strong>, and <strong>impact</strong>. | Summary is <strong>not clear</strong> or descriptive or is <strong>too long</strong>. | 1X          | 5       |
| Needs Addressed                | <strong>Information and data</strong> are presented to build a <strong>compelling case</strong> for why an OER grant is needed. Target audience and anticipated impact are clarified. | The <strong>information</strong> presented build a <strong>good case</strong> for why an OER grant is needed. Target audience and anticipated impact are clarified. | Needs are <strong>not addressed</strong>, or no case is made how this project will be impactful. | 2X          | 10      |</p>
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<td>Most project activities and/or deliverables are clearly listed and are consistent with achieving project goals. The timeline is reasonable within the 12-month grant timeframe. (for 3 pts) One or more of the following: • content integration • under-represented content area • blended/remote delivery • focus on Pre-K–3 students</td>
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<td>OER to be adapted/created have been or will be reviewed by multiple qualified reviewers using EQuIP/IMET or other nationally recognized instruments to determine quality and standards alignment.</td>
<td>OER to be adapted/created have not been reviewed by qualified reviewers using nationally recognized instruments or does not align with state learning standards.</td>
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<td><strong>Existing projects:</strong> Previous deliverables completed. Proposal presents clear plan to build on existing efforts. <strong>New projects:</strong> Work has begun on OER instructional materials. Project has capacity to complete materials in grant timeframe. District is supportive of project.</td>
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<td><strong>Experience with OER</strong></td>
<td>Project staff are experienced with using, adapting, and implementing OER. Strong example is provided.</td>
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**Total Score (out of 85):**