

RURAL OKLAHOMA CLASSROOM ENHANCEMENT GRANTS

Grant Guidelines (2022-23 School Year)

Important Dates & Deadlines

Grant opens: Tuesday, August 2, 2022

Deadline to request access to the application: Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 5:00 pm

Grant application deadline: Friday, September 16, 2022, at 5:00 pm

Decision notification timeline: All applicants will be notified of final decisions by mid-October 2022

Timeline to implement classroom enhancement projects: October 2022 – May 2023 (end of school year)

Program Overview

The Carolyn Watson Rural Oklahoma Community Foundation was founded in 1995 to enhance the quality of life for citizens residing in designated rural Oklahoma communities. To achieve this mission, the Foundation provides opportunities for educational, economic, and civic advancement, which includes enhancing the classroom experience for students. Established by the Foundation's Trustees, the Classroom Enhancement Grants Program is an opportunity for educators to go beyond traditional curriculum and enrich the teaching environment for their students.

The main goals of the Rural Oklahoma Classroom Enhancement Grants program are:

1. To provide educators the opportunity to implement activities and projects that go beyond the traditional classroom curricula to enhance their students' learning experiences.
2. To provide students with resources they would not otherwise have access to in their everyday classroom environments.

Preference will be given to projects that are creative/innovative, provide experiential and/or hands-on learning opportunities and are strategically used to supplement and enhance traditional academic curricula in the areas of study outlined below.

Areas of Study

Grants are available to Pre-K through 12th-grade classrooms, in eligible public school districts, for projects that provide students with a significant opportunity to enhance their learning experience in the following areas of study: **1) STEM, 2) Literacy, 3) Arts & Culture and 4) History**

***Please note the following:**

- No virtual or distance learning projects will be considered for funding.

- Requests to support Accelerated Reader must be supplemented with activities and/or curricula that go beyond the traditional AR approach.

Grant Amount: Up to \$5,000 per classroom

Eligible Counties & School Districts

Public schools (grades Pre-K through 12) located in the counties and corresponding school districts below are eligible to apply.

Counties

Adair	Choctaw	Jackson	McIntosh
Atoka	Coal	Johnston	Okfuskee
Bryan	Greer	Kiowa	Pushmataha
Caddo	Harmon	Latimer	Tillman
Cherokee	Haskell	McCurtain	Washita

School Districts

Adair County: Cave Springs, Dahlongegah, Greasy, Maryetta, Peavine, Rocky Mountain, Watts, Westville, Zion

Atoka County: Atoka, Caney, Harmony, Lane, Stringtown, Tushka

Bryan County: Achille, Bennington, Caddo, Colbert, Rock Creek, Silo

Caddo County: Binger-Oney, Apache, Carnegie, Cement, Cyril, Fort Cobb-Broxton, Gracemont, Hinton, Lookeba-Sickles

Cherokee County: Briggs, Grand View, Hulbert, Keys, Lowrey, Norwood, Peggs, Shady Grove, Tenkiller, Woodall

Choctaw County: Boswell, Fort Towson, Hugo, Soper

Coal County: Coalgate, Cottonwood, Tupelo

Greer County: Granite, Lakeside

Harmon County: Hollis

Haskell County: Keota, Kinta, McCurtain, Whitefield

Jackson County: Blair, Duke, Navajo, Olustee-Eldorado

Johnston County: Coleman, Mannsville, Milburn, Mill Creek, Ravia, Tishomingo, Wapanucka

Kiowa County: Lone Wolf, Mountain View-Gotebo, Snyder

Latimer County: Buffalo Valley, Panola, Red Oak

McCurtain County: Battiest, Denison, Eagletown, Forest Grove, Glover, Haworth, Holly Creek, Lukfata, Smithville, Valliant, Wright City

McIntosh County: Eufaula, Hanna, Ryal, Stidham

Okfuskee County: Bearden, Graham-Dustin, Mason, Okemah, Paden, Weleetka

Pushmataha County: Albion, Antlers, Clayton, Moyers, Nashoba, Rattan, Tuskahoma

Tillman County: Davidson, Grandfield, Oklahoma Youth Academy, Tipton

Washita County: Burns Flat-Dill City, Canute, Sentinel

Funding Limitations

Funding for the following items will generally not be supported unless essential to the success of the project:

- Office equipment or furniture
- Computers (including Chromebooks), SMART boards, projectors, televisions, iPads, hot spots, or any hardware designed for virtual/distance learning
- Athletic, extracurricular or service-learning activities or equipment
- Videos or DVDs

How to Apply

Step 1 – Request Access to the Official Application

To gain access to the online application, all potential applicants must email info@ruraloklahoma.org **no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 13, 2022** with the information below:

- 1) The name of the applicant's school and school district
- 2) The school's physical address
- 3) The name and title of the applicant
- 4) A brief 1-2 paragraph summary of the proposed project. As part of your summary, please explain how your project enhances traditional academic curriculum and include the grade levels and approximate number of students that will directly benefit from the project.

Step 2 – Complete and Submit an Official Application

If your request to access an official application is approved, you will receive an email with an access code and link to the online application. **Note: We advise that applicants request access as early as possible to ensure enough time is available to submit a well-developed and complete proposal.**

Reporting

Grantees will be required to submit a midterm and final evaluation report via our online grants platform.

Questions & Clarifications

Applicants are welcome to address questions or concerns by emailing info@ruraloklahoma.org or by contacting Leslie Woodward at L.woodward@occf.org or (405) 606-2911.