



# Mini Grants

*The mission of the Owosso Public Schools Foundation is to act as ambassadors of the school district and secure funding to encourage and promote innovation and world-class opportunities for students while inspiring our students to be highly competitive and creative problem solvers in the global economy.*

## Purpose:

- Support Owosso Public Schools staff members in an innovative environment where students come first by providing grants
- To promote the Owosso Public Schools Foundation while building parent and community awareness and interest in the OPS Foundation

## Criteria:

- One application per staff member
- Grants will be available for preschool to 12<sup>th</sup> grade initiatives
- Looking for programs, events, or materials that support the Foundation's focus on:
  - Health and Wellness
  - Educational Enrichment
  - Career & Technical Education
  - Technology
  - Arts
- Grants may be written for up to \$1,000 (Grants may be partially funded at the discretion of the OPS Foundation.)
- Any new curriculum must be approved by the Owosso Board of Education
- Funds awarded in this cycle must be spent by May 29, 2026

## Expectations:

- Spreading the Word: For each grant awarded a flyer would go home with students who benefited, explaining that the OPS Foundation supported the activity. If materials are supported with this money, there will be OPS Foundation labels of acknowledgement for funding merchandise.
- Provide the OPS Foundation a summary of the completed project. (Send to Jessica Thompson.)

## Timeline:

**Wednesday, February 4, 2026:** Applications due to Jessica Thompson.

**Thursday, February 12, 2026:** Grant awards will be announced by OPS Foundation President Mike Konopacke.

*Mini grants are made possible by the generous donations of OPS team members...thank you!*



## Mini Grant Application

**Application due February 4, 2026.**

**Submit to Jessica Thompson at the Washington Campus or via email at  
thompson@owosso.k12.mi.us**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Building: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of project and/or activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of project and/or activity (attach detailed information):

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Justification of need for funds (grants may be partially funded at the discretion of the OPS Foundation):

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Have you spoken with your administrator regarding funding sources for this project? \_\_Yes \_\_No

Cost of activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this the entire cost or a portion? \_\_\_\_\_

Source of other funds that may be needed or used to fulfill financial need:

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If the entire project cannot be funded through this grant, will it continue? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

\_\_\_\_ I agree to share details of my project, including information about the OPS Foundation, with parents and to notify Jessica Thompson, Communications Director, with the date of the event for publicity purposes.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal/Supervisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Foundation Use:**

Funded: Yes or No

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_