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Learning Innovation Grants 2026

Learning Innovation Grants support educators directly by providing support for enriching instruction, expanding programming, or supplementing resources at any time of the year.

Impact

\$500,000 Granted

100 Organizations supported

Grantee	Project	Amount
9th District FRC (Covington City Schools)	Covington City Schools: Ninth District Elementary School Comprehensive School Counseling Program	\$5,000
A Child's Drums (Serving Cincinnati Public and Princeton City School District Students)	Drumline for All! Expanding Horizons Through the Art of Drumming	\$5,000
A. J. Lindeman Elementary School	Expanding Field Trip Opportunities	\$5,000
Academy of World Languages	Watch our DRAGONS SOAR! Expanding Access to Books and Other Media Resources	\$5,000
Aiken High School	Breakfast Café: Developing Real-Life Work Skills	\$3,000
Arts Equity Collective (Serving students in Ethel Taylor and South Avondale CPS Middle Schools)	Voices Unlocked Literacy Program: Unlocking Student Potential Through Accessible Literacy Resources	\$5,000
Azalea Montessori Elementary Nature School	Advancing Academic & SEL Growth Through Student-Centered, Nature-Based Montessori Environments	\$5,000
Bethel-Tate High School	Clermont County Senior Internship Program	\$5,000
Bi-Okoto Drum and Dance Theatre (Serving students in Cincinnati Public Schools)	Tolongo Summer Camp: Arts-Integrated Academic Enrichment Program	\$5,000
Bond Hill Academy	Math Back on Track	\$5,000

Boys Hope Girls Hope (Serving Students in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Schools)	Hope Ignites: Circles of Trust for Academic and SEL Support	\$5,000
C.O. Harrison Elementary School	Adaptive and Inclusive Music for All! Providing Resources to Ensure Access for all Students	\$5,000
Carthage Elementary School	Field Trips: Funding for Math and Science Field Trips and Aligned Resources	\$5,000
Chase Elementary School	Equity in Motion: Supporting School Attendance Through Transportation Assistance	\$5,000
Cheviot Elementary School	Building Global Futures: A STEM & Literacy Innovation Lab	\$5,000
Cheviot Elementary School	Learning Literacy: Expanding Literacy and Media Resources in the School Library	\$5,000
Children's Home of Cincinnati (Serving students in the Best Point Programs)	Literacy Innovation for the Heidt Center of Excellence: Access to Assistive and Instructional Technology	\$5,000
Cincinnati Community ToolBank (Serving students in Cincinnati Public Schools)	ToolBank's Rosie's Girls: STEAM Career Exploration Camp for Girls	\$5,000
Cincinnati Museum Center (Serving students in local school districts)	Unlocking Learning Beyond the Classroom: Field Trips to Cincinnati Museum Center	\$5,000
Cincinnati Public Schools (John J. Gilligan Digital Academy)	Expansion of Tools and Resources to Enhance Digital/Virtual Learning	\$5,000
Cincinnati Public Schools (James N. Gamble Montessori High School)	2026 Team Challenge Canoe Trip (Gamble Junior High)	\$5,000
Cincinnati Public Schools (Multiple school sites)	Expanding Access: Gifted Arts Enrichment for CPS Students	\$5,000
Cincinnati Public Schools (Multiple school sites)	Beyond the Classroom: Building Career-Ready Scientists in CPS	\$5,000
Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati (Serving students in Cincinnati Public and Norwood City School Districts)	Queen City Food Quest: Math and ELA Inquiry Based Learning Connections to the Local Food System	\$5,000
Clifton Area Neighborhood School	CANS Expeditionary Learning Program	\$5,000
College Hill Academy	K-4 Summer Reading Program	\$5,000
Community Learning Center Institute (Serving students in Mt. Airy Elementary School)	Mt. Airy Jump Start: Improving Kindergarten Readiness	\$5,000
Crossroads Middle School (Serving students in Fairfield City Schools)	Increasing Independence for Students With Disabilities	\$4,000
Dater Montessori Elementary	The Dater Innovator: Creating a Maker Space for Dater Montessori Elementary	\$5,000
Dayton Independent Schools	The Whisk Takers Club: Expanding Nutrition Knowledge and Food Choices	\$5,000

Delhi Middle School	From the Pages to the Stage: Bringing Literature to Life	\$2,000
DePaul Cristo Rey High School	Work-Study in Entrepreneurship Pilot	\$5,000
Diamonds with Destinys (Serving students in multiple Cincinnati Public Schools)	No Gaps, No Excuses: Academic and SEL Support That Actually Reaches Kids	\$5,000
DCCH Center for Children and Families (Serving students in Beechwood Independent Schools)	Equipping Residential Treatment Students with STEM Resources	\$5,000
Dixie Heights High School	Financial Literacy and AP Pre-Calculus Curriculum	\$5,000
Elmwood Place Elementary	Field Trip for 5th Grade Students: iMission to iSpace Mission to the Moon	\$2,000
Erlanger Elsmere School District	Lindeman Elementary Drama Club Support and Expansion	\$5,000
Erlanger Elsmere School District	Empowering Every Learner: A District-Wide Sensory Toolkit Support	\$5,000
Erlanger Elsmere School District	Lloyd Memorial Percussion and Woodwind Expansion	\$5,000
Felicity-Franklin Local Schools	Clermont County Senior Internship Program for Career Pathway Exploration	\$5,000
Finneytown High School	Leadership Course: Preparation for Career and College	\$5,000
Franklin City Schools	Franklin High School Career Quest Program: Career Connected Learning	\$5,000
Franklin Junior High School	Mathematics Intervention Program for Grades 6-8 Students	\$5,000
GLAD House (Serving students in Cincinnati Public and Mt. Healthy School Districts)	Champs Summer Program: Field Trip Experiences	\$5,000
Goshen Local Schools	Goshen High School's Career Readiness Programming	\$5,000
Goshen Local Schools	GMS Building-Wide Sensory Stations	\$5,000
GRAD Cincinnati (Serving students at Western Hills University and Taft High Schools)	Summer Institute and After School Programming at Western Hills and Taft High School	\$5,000
Hamilton High School	Hands on Learning Support and Resources	\$2,000
Hartwell Middle School	Operation Expanded Fun Fridays: Enhancing Student Leadership through Campus Service Projects	\$5,000
Holly Hill Elementary (West Clermont Schools)	Supplemental Programs: COSI Experience and Academic Materials Support	\$5,000
Holmes High School (Covington Independent Schools)	Entrepreneurial Learning and Mentorship for Career Pathways Exploration	\$5,000

Houston Educational Service and Early Childhood Center (Serving Students in Northwest Local School District)	Houston Educational Service and Early Childhood Center	\$5,000
Houston Educational Service and Early Childhood Center (Serving Students in Northwest Local School District)	Expand Newly Adopted Curriculum: Dramatic Play Area Themes	\$5,000
Hughes STEM High School	Building Stories: Bringing STEM into the Arts	\$5,000
Imago, Inc. (Serving students at Oyler and Roberts Academy)	Summer in Nature: Enriching Outdoor Education at Imago's Urban Nature Preserve	\$3,000
Juvenile Court Detention (Hamilton County)	Freedom to Create: Resources and Support for Artistic Expression	\$5,000
Kennedy Heights Montessori Center	Kennedy Heights Montessori Kindergarten STEM Scholars	\$5,000
Ladies of Leadership–Ohio Inc. (Serving students at Hartwell Elementary CPS)	Grades 4-8 Mentorship and Academic Support Program for Girls	\$5,000
LEAD Training (Serving Students in Norwood, Princeton, Deer Park, and Reading School Districts)	Career Quest: Career Pathways Exploration and Mentorship	\$5,000
Learning Grove, Inc.	Elevating Early Learning: Advancing Infant & Toddler Educator Practice and Impact	\$5,000
Lincoln Heights Outreach, Inc. (Serving students at Lincoln Heights Elementary)	Youth Enrichment Program	\$5,000
Loveland Schools Foundation	Materials for Low-Income Students and English Language Learners	\$5,000
Ludlow Independent Schools	SHINE Out-of-School Time Program	\$5,000
Miami University (Serving students in Talawanda, New Miami, Hamilton, and Edgewood City School Districts)	Empowering Youth Through STEM Beyond the School Day	\$5,000
Milford High School	Academic Leadership: Expanding Student Voice in Reading and Writing at Milford High School	\$5,000
Mt. Healthy Early Learning Center (Serving students in Mt. Healthy School District)	The Impact of Early Childhood Education: Eliminating the Digital Divide	\$5,000
National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (Serving students in Cincinnati Public, Princeton City, Lockland, Newport, Covington, and Erlanger-Elsmere School Districts)	Expanding Opportunities for K-12 Students at the Freedom Center	\$5,000
New Horizons Foundation (Serving students at Frederick Douglass Elementary School)	LYNCed Up for Literacy Program: Support for Struggling Readers	\$2,000

New Miami Local School District	Expand Programming for Career Coaching and Work-based Learning Experiences	\$5,000
NewPath Child & Family Solutions (formerly St. Joseph Orphanage)	Empowering Local Youth Through Structured Learning and Academic Reintegration	\$5,000
Notre Dame Urban Education Center (Serving students in Covington Independent Schools and the Diocese of Covington Alliance)	Summer Academics and Support Programming	\$4,100
Oyler Community Learning Center	Autism Teacher Training	\$1,000
Oyler Community Learning Center	Investing in Youth Career Readiness, Leadership Development, Workforce Pathways & Community Vibrancy	\$5,000
Pleasant Hill Academy	Summer Learning: Reading and Math Instructional Resources	\$5,000
Pones Inc. (Serving students in NKY Schools)	Laboratory of Movement: Access and Training	\$5,000
Princeton Community Middle School	Career and Community Exploration	\$5,000
Project Connect (Serving students in Cincinnati Public Schools)	Project Connect Summer Academic and Enrichment Program: "Mission: Possible"	\$5,000
Rees E. Price Academy	Help Rees E. Price Grow Academically Through Hands on Learning	\$5,000
Riverview Elementary School (Hamilton City School District)	Royal Readers: Support materials and programming	\$5,000
Robert A. Taft Information Technology High School	Inquiry-Based Science Learning	\$5,000
Roberts Academy	Developing Global Wildcats: Enrichment for Inquiry, Identity, and Impact	\$5,000
Ross Local Schools	Building Career Connections for Ross Local Schools	\$5,000
Rothenberg Preparatory Academy	Future Ready Scholars	\$5,000
Safe Cyber Coders Corporation (Serving students at Taft Technology High School)	Taft Digital Makerspace Expansion: Design, Fabrication & Student Entrepreneurship Lab	\$5,000
Santa Maria Community Services (Serving students at Oyler School)	Strengthening Social Emotional Learning and Advocacy at Oyler School	\$5,000
Springer School and Center	Unlocking Literacy: Expanding Specialized Reading Support for Students with Learning Differences	\$5,000
St. Boniface School	Student Audio/Visual Production Program	\$5,000
St. Dominic School	Immersive STEM Learning for Students	\$2,000

Staci's Promise Foundation Inc. (Serving students in Orion Academy and Taft High School)	STREAMS Academy @ Orion Academy	\$5,000
Stepping Stones, Inc.	Empowering Independence: Transition Curriculum for Step Up Students	\$4,900
Summit View Academy	Amplify Desmos Math Support Programming for 3rd Grade Students	\$5,000
Talbert House (Serving students at Union Day School)	Union Day School: Summer Academic and Support Programming	\$5,000
The Benjamin Carlson-Berne Scholarship Fund (Serving students at Shroder High School)	Free Music Lessons for Shroder High School and Middle School Orchestra Students	\$5,000
The Carnegie (Serving students in NKY School Districts)	The Carnegie's Arts Integration Programming	\$5,000
The Heights Movement	Healing Gardens, Healthy Futures: Culturally Rooted STEM and Literacy at Lincoln Heights Elementary	\$5,000
The Joe Torre Safe At Home Foundation (Serving students at Riverview East Academy and Spencer Center for Gifted and Exceptional Students)	Margaret's Place: Increasing Access to Mental Health Services for Cincinnati Public School Students	\$5,000
UpSpring (Serving students in Boone County, Cincinnati Archdiocese, and Fairfield School Districts)	UpSpring Summer 360	\$5,000
Warren County Career Center	Expanding "Clinic Fridays" to Community Based Health Clinics	\$5,000
Westwood School	Every Child Achieves: After-School Enrichment for Reading and Math Success	\$5,000
William Howard Taft Elementary School	Taft Elementary Tigers ROAR Bell Resources	\$5,000
Woodford Paideia Arts & Culture Academy	Tutoring and Representation at Woodford	\$5,000
YMCA at Gamble Montessori Elementary	Living Lab: Student Environmental Leadership & Learning Trail	\$5,000
YMCA at Pleasant Ridge Montessori	Future Ready: Career Exploration and Financial Literacy for Elementary Students	\$5,000
YMCA at School for Creative and Performing Arts	School for the Performing Arts Book Access Initiative	\$5,000
YMCA Clark Montessori	Family Engagement for Student Success at Clark Montessori	\$5,000

