CORE PLUS AEROSPACE

GRANTS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT CORE PLUS AEROSPACE

Core Plus Aerospace is a two-year high school manufacturing curriculum that prepares students for high-demand jobs through hands-on learning. More than 50 Washington high schools and skills centers are offering programs utilizing the Core Plus Aerospace curriculum this school year.

The Washington State Legislature reinforced its support for Core Plus in 2021, approving it as one of multiple pathways to graduation and allocating $900,000 to be distributed each year via competitive grants to start, maintain and expand Core Plus Aerospace and advanced manufacturing programs. Grant funding is also available for Core Plus Construction and Core Plus Maritime ($350,000 each).

CORE PLUS AEROSPACE GRANT CATEGORIES AND FUNDING AMOUNTS

UP TO $50,000

UP TO $75,000

CREATE A PROGRAM

Up to $50,000 **to create a program of study including** a sequence of courses that provide opportunity for students to develop skill sets that are sufficient to earn dual-credit or an industry recognized credential

SUPPORT FOR EXISTING PROGRAMS

Up to $75,000 **for program maintenance, materials, and professional development**

GRANT TIMELINE

AUGUST — SEPTEMBER

AUGUST 18
GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM OSPI

SEPTEMBER 29 AT 4 PM
GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO SHOULD APPLY?
Washington state public schools, skills centers and tribal compact schools with established manufacturing programs that use the Core Plus Aerospace curriculum and schools launching a program of study, or that intend to offer one in 2022-23, are encouraged to apply. Grant applications should be school-specific, as opposed to a general district application, as there is no limit to the number of schools that can receive funds within a given district.

HOW CAN MY SCHOOL USE THE MONEY?
The money can be used to support or create a Core Plus program of study. This includes purchasing supplies, tools, equipment, and supporting professional development. Funds can also be used to pay for substitutes while teachers are in training.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL ALLOTMENT MY SCHOOL CAN RECEIVE?
Funding levels will range from $500 to $75,000 depending on the estimated needs of the school. Other awards, such as federal grants, do not impact your ability to apply for or receive this funding.

WHAT DOES IT TYPICALLY COST TO OFFER A CORE PLUS AEROSPACE PROGRAM OF STUDY?
The curriculum is available free of charge to educators and administrators in school districts across Washington state. A typical comprehensive high school might experience up to $50,000 in start-up costs; $25,000 in maintenance and materials costs; and $15,000 in professional development costs.

HOW DO I APPLY?
Complete the online grant application available from OSPI and submit it via the iGrants system no later than September 29 at 4 pm.

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO APPLY?
You must offer a Core Plus program of study in 2021-22 or have clear plans to offer coursework in 2022-23. Successful applicants will also attend professional development, present at an OSPI-approved conference or in-service, and submit a final report to OSPI regarding use of funds and program status.

WHAT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS AVAILABLE?
In-person professional development opportunities will be offered throughout the 2021 - 2022 school year and will hands-on training for each of the Core Plus sectors (Aerospace, Construction and Maritime). Grant funds can be used to cover registration fees, travel costs, and substitute teachers.

For additional details and schedule information, please contact the OSPI Core Plus Project Coordinator.

WHAT ARE 5 THINGS I NEED TO ADDRESS IN MY GRANT APPLICATION?

- Explain how your program will help prepare Washington students for manufacturing jobs, apprenticeships, postsecondary training programs and industry credentials.

- Identify stakeholders and decisionmakers in your district and community and how they can support the program.

- Describe the physical space where the classes will take place.

- Describe your plan for program implementation and growth.

- Describe how your district will promote professional development that leads to student certification and employment.

CAN I GET HELP WITH MY APPLICATION?
Yes! Contact Angie Mason-Smith, Core Plus project coordinator for OSPI, (angie.mason-smith@k12.wa.us) to help answer questions you have as you develop your application.