

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 again reinforced its support for Core Plus in 2023, 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 (\$550,000 each).

CORE PLUS AEROSPACE GRANT CATEGORIES AND FUNDING AMOUNTS



CREATE A PROGRAM

Up to \$75,000 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.



DEVELOP OR SUPPORT AN EXISTING PROGRAM

Up to \$50,000 to develop a program of study, support or maintain an existing program, or fund professional development.

GRANT TIMELINE

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER



AUGUST 2023
GRANT APPLICATIONS
AVAILABLE FROM OSPI

OCTOBER 26, 2023 AT 4PM
GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Washington state public schools, skills centers and tribal compact schools with established manufacturing programs or schools launching a hands-on, manufacturing-related program of study 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 launch a new Core Plus program, or to support an existing 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 \$1,000 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 Core Plus 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 October 26, 2023 at 4 pm.](#)

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO APPLY?

The skills center or high school must agree to engage in developing local business and industry partnerships for oversight and input regarding program components.

Programs are required to maintain ongoing partnership with local advisory committee and industry partners in the implementation and evaluation of the program.

Program instructors must agree to participate in a minimum of 20 hours of Core Plus-sponsored professional development leading to student employment or certification in aerospace or advanced manufacturing industries as determined by the superintendent of public instruction.

WHAT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS AVAILABLE?

In-person professional development opportunities will be offered throughout the school year. Grant funds can be used to cover registration fees, travel costs, and substitute teachers.

For additional details and schedule information, please contact OSPI CTE at cte@k12.wa.us.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF GRANT RECIPIENTS?

- Commit to attend recommended Core Plus Instructor Professional Development series. Submit instructor clock hours to OSPI prior to grant close date.
- Identify classes as Core Plus with a course indicator in the EDS system.
- Commit to work with Core Plus industry partners to align with recommended Core Plus scope and sequence.
- Use the Core Plus student certificate for all students completing Core Plus Instruction and sharing data.
- Participate in surveys and data sharing to help build the OSPI Core Plus Database in efforts to make data driven decisions to support programs and schools with Core Plus.
- Submit final report to OSPI regarding use of funds and program status by **June 30, 2024**.

CAN I GET HELP WITH MY APPLICATION?

Yes! Contact CTE at cte@k12.wa.us to help answer questions you have as you develop your application.