

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
Outdoor Learning Equipment Grant (OLG)
Opportunity Grant
2023-2024

Request for Application: April 10, 2023

Application Deadline: May 10, 2023

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Program Description

The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) has allocated American Rescue Plan funds for the FY24 Outdoor Learning Equipment Grant (OLG). This GaDOE-administered, a non-renewable, non-transferrable grant for up to \$50,000 will be used to create and/or support whole child wellness initiatives. A maximum of \$750,000.00 will be awarded for the purchase and installation of outdoor learning equipment.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must be district or school administrators in a K-12 Georgia public school.

Program Requirements

Awarded funds are specifically for outdoor equipment structures to enhance student wellness and support the whole child.

Programmatic Assurances

The structures must:

- develop or supplement sustainable initiatives that support the whole child.
- increase access to outdoor learning, or fitness activities.
- meet all district, local, and state requirements for the purchase and installation of playground/outdoor structures.

Reporting Requirements

FY24 Grant period of performance will begin July 1, 2023 and will end on June 30, 2024.



Awardees must correctly and completely submit the required close-out documentation.

- Completion Report (Microsoft Forms)
- Detailed Expenditure Report and supporting documents for received goods/services
- Artifact - Photograph of the structure

Authorized Activities

FY24 OLG applicants can use funds to purchase outdoor learning equipment. The equipment/structures must be used to develop or supplement sustainable initiatives that support the whole child and increase access to outdoor play or fitness activities. Outdoor learning equipment shall provide an opportunity for children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate.

Examples include but are not limited to:

Adventure trails.
Climbing frames
Early years outdoor equipment
Fitness/wellness course
Interactive play panels
Outdoor balance beams/steppingstones
Par course
Outdoor learning equipment
Sensory panels
Obstacles that require balance and coordination
Small-scale obstacles with one or two tasks
Tunnels

Unauthorized Activities

FY24 Grant funds may not be used for:

- construction or capital improvements to existing structures such as carpet, non-freestanding mirrors, laminate coverings, and building renovations.
- support of after or before school clubs or summer programs.

Proposal Submission Procedures

Proposal Portal: To access the application click: [OLG Application](#)

- [PDF of Application](#) (for reference only) Only digital applications on the application portal will be scored. Note: form will not save progress; it must be completed at one time.
- *Submit Early:* Please factor in unexpected delays and/or technical issues. Faxed, emailed, or paper proposals are not acceptable and will not be reviewed by the GaDOE.



- *Use Provided Outdoor Learning Grant Application Link:* Supplemental or revised proposal formats, attachments, or information, either from the applicant agency or other sources will not be accepted.
- *Grant Documents:* [Budget Template and Signatures Template](#). These documents will be submitted through the application link above.
- *Multiple Submissions:* Public school districts may have multiple submissions, provided each is from a different school within the district.
- *Deadline:* The deadline for submission is 5 p.m. May 10, 2023.
- Grant awardees will be notified after State Board of Education approval and are required to formally accept the grant award.
- *Grant Award Notices:* (GANs) will be uploaded into the LEAs Consolidated Application portal by the program office.
- Each applicant receiving funding through this RFP must:
 - participate in two meetings to discuss goals and objectives, implementation procedures and progress, and programmatic success and effectiveness.
- The FY24 Outdoor Learning Grant period of performance will end on June 30, 2024.

Budget

The itemized budget must be included in the Grant Application Form.

Scoring and Funding Recommendations

Rubric: Scoring Components

All proposals will be scored using a rubric. Each proposal will be reviewed, and points will be assigned based on the merit of the program/activity described. Each section is assigned a maximum allowable number of points. Grant organizers will verify raw scores and forward them to the program manager who will determine the final score to be presented to the State Board of Education.

Applicant Information Section

- LEA/School District
- RESA Region
- School System Superintendent Name, Phone, and Email
- Federal Programs Coordinator Name, Phone, and Email
- Name of School, School Address, and School Contact Number
- Principal Name, Email, and Phone and Assurance of Notification



- Names of grant applicant/teacher(s) involved with grant implementation, Email, and Phone
- Funding Amount Requested

Describe Programmatic Basics (10 Points) – Maximum 250 Words

- Total number of students impacted
- Total number of students in school
- General Overview of School

Proposed Program/Activity Description (25 points) – Maximum 500 Words

- Fully describe the equipment/structure to be purchased.
- Fully describe all significant components of the proposed program/activity.
- Evidence of available space.

Goals/Objectives/Intended Outcomes (25 points) – Maximum 200 Words

- Articulate the goals/objectives/intended outcomes for students.
- Anticipated benefits to students.
- Connection to whole-child school initiative.

Safety Measures (20 points) – Maximum 200 Words

- Safety considerations for selection of outdoor equipment/structure(s)
- Procedures to ensure the safe use of the outdoor equipment/structure
- District departments involved in the planning, purchase, installation and ongoing maintenance of the structure(s).

Budget (20 points) – Maximum 200 Words

- Budget narrative aligns with the purchase and associated costs.
- Overview and justification for purchases

