

2025-26 Innovation and Creativity Grant Recipients

Grant Name	School	Teacher	Grant Total
Pathfinders: Guiding Youth Through the Great Outdoors	Barbara Morgan STEM Academy	Melanie Hensman	\$1,250.00
Milo Social Skills Avatar for High School 18-21 Year Old Transition Academy Students	Centennial, Eagle, Meridian, Owyhee, and Rocky Mountain High School	Suzi Ludwig and Christy Butler	\$2,995.00
Fostering Social Connections Through Mindful Activities to Build Social Skills	Chaparral Elementary	Sarah Christensen	\$539.74
Building Tomorrow: Creativity, Design, and Innovation with Cardboard	Christine Donnell School of the Arts	Elyzabeth Navarre	\$3,946.14
3-D Printing at CDSA	Christine Donnell School of the Arts	Tyler Bishop	\$995.36
Hands on Materials for Kinesthetic Learning	Christine Donnell School of the Arts	Sara Peltier	\$522.81
Building Our Library!	Crossroads Middle School	Janna Davis	\$3,577.69
Chompsaws to Carve Cardboard Creations	Eagle High School	Krista Rogerson	\$1,120.50
Magnetic Coordinate Grids Graphing	Eagle High School	Heidi Albertson	\$500.00
Understanding Rate of Change (Slope)	Eagle High School	Cherissa Schwendiman	\$115.00
Whip it Good: Whipping the FCS Classroom into Shape!	Eagle Middle School	Mylissa Wydick	\$4,500.00
Play to Learn: A Discovery Lab for Little Thinkers	Flyers Center	Karissa Hammond	\$1,417.78
Integrating Computational Thinking Across Subject Areas Using an Ozobot Robot	Galileo STEM Academy	Gina Kwid	\$3,002.04
Blanketing Love for Idaho Foster Kids	Heritage Middle School	Rebecca Sobolewski	\$3,825.26
Adventure Awaits: Themed Literacy Centers for Kindergarten Readers	Hillsdale Elementary	Heather Kunz	\$4,542.00
Equals Mathematics for Students with Disabilities	Hillsdale Elementary	Kayla Blaisdell	\$3,450.29
Literacy and Justice for All	Hunter Elementary	Theresa Denhart	\$1,300.00
Bringing Books to Life	Hunter Elementary	Theresa Denhart	\$1,013.98
Making Articulation More Fun	Hunter Elementary	Kelly Maybury	\$854.49
Taking the Film Program to Industry Standards: Film 9-12	Idaho Fine Arts Academy	Shannon McNall	\$4,198.00
March Madness Picture Book Tournament 2026	Joplin Elementary	Amy Vogelsberg	\$320.15
Book Vending Machine for Literacy and PBIS	Lake Hazel Elementary	Jessica Cordova	\$7,298.75
Reading Intervention Materials	Lake Hazel Elementary	Karina Bean	\$2,997.50
Bringing STEM to Life	Lake Hazel Elementary School	Jennifer McCullough	\$322.04
The Verticle Advantage: Enhancing Student Interaction and Learning in Math Class	Lake Hazel Middle School	Gay Lynn Erb	\$5,825.61
Film Production Equipment for Student-Led Media Projects	Lake Hazel Middle School	Charlie Ecker	\$4,050.00
Sources of Stregth Media Campaign	Lake Hazel Middle School	Britney Demill	\$102.61
RoboRevolution: Igniting the Innovator in Every 8th Grader	Lewis and Clark Middle School	Debbie Meisner	\$5,156.89
Sustainable Stiches: Building Skills and Community	Lewis and Clark Middle School	Amy Knutson	\$4,018.10
Improving Financial Literacy in Careers Discovery 8	Lowell Scott Middle School	Kellie Schneider	\$731.31
Plants Long Term Project	Mary MacPherson and Siena	Aaron Albert	\$364.47
Bringing Calmness to The Day	Mary MacPherson Elementary School	Abby Stringer	\$747.30
"Paw"sitivity for Little Learners	Mary MacPherson Elementary School	Dusti Steiner	\$649.62
STEM Starts Here: Empowering Young Minds Through Coding and Engineering	McMillan Elementary	Gania Humphries	\$1,983.85

VersaTiles for Diverse Learners	McMillan Elementary	Erica Stadler	\$763.18
Young Explorers in STEM	Meridian Elementary	Nicole Crow	\$4,811.08
Bringing Art to Life: Meet the Masters After-School Program at Meridian Elementary	Meridian Elementary School	Melanie Morales	\$3,148.00
Integrating Diagnostic Ultrasound into Sports Medicine Education to Enhance Student Learning and Clinical Skills	Meridian High School	Chloe Tiersma	\$5,135.24
Graphic Novel Book Club Materials	Meridian High School	Kara Louie	\$558.10
Beautifying with Sustainability	Meridian Middle School	Kellie March	\$2,239.01
Cooking Up Innovation: Modern Tools for Tomorrow's Kitchen	Meridian Middle School	Hannah Waite	\$953.01
Sensory Room for Emotional Regulation	Meridian Middle School	Kristen Neal	\$764.93
Building Thinking Classrooms	Meridian Middle School	Trudy Yaklich	\$479.87
From Wall to Wonder: Vertical Thinking and Visible Learning in Math Classrooms	Mountain View High School	Robin Tomasi	\$5,382.41
Using Students' DNA to Understand their Ancestry through Biotechnology	Mountain View High School	Chad Cooper	\$1,424.50
Measuring Long Bones	Mountain View High School	Tara Hannaford	\$479.41
Innovative ASL Pedagogy: Using Pink Noise Maskers to Cultivate Sign Language Use and Deaf Awareness	Owyhee High School	Katy Ludwig	\$4,290.35
Student-Run Coffee Cart: Brewing Skills for Life	Owyhee High School	Allison Heller	\$2,704.89
Tapping to the Top: Making Tap Dancing Possible in Theatre!	Owyhee High School	Jessica Hibbs	\$1,693.50
Bits of Brilliance: Sparking Innovation with Micro:bits	Peregrine and Ustick Elementary	Randy Hawkins	\$839.30
Supporting Meet the Masters Art Curriculum	Peregrine Elementary	Emily Coltrin	\$1,000.41
Keys to Creativity-- Upgrading Instruments to Unlock Pioneer Students' Musical Potential	Pioneer School of the Arts	BriAnna Hart	\$6,599.24
50 Great Artist	Pleasant View Elementary	Bethany Robertson	\$543.04
STEM Bin (Spatial Reasoning) Grant Proposal	Pleasant View Elementary	Angela Echols	\$500.00
Pathfinders: Guiding Youth Through the Great Outdoors	Ponderosa Elementary School	Eric Escandon	\$1,250.00
Pathfinders: Guiding Youth Through the Great Outdoors	Prospect Elementary	Heather Bachman	\$1,250.00
Hands-On Chemistry Laboratory Enhancement: Expanding Student Skills with Distillation and Vacuum Filtration Equipment	Renaissance High School	Kristy Zabala	\$3,862.83
Multi-Sensory Speech and Language Tool Kit	River Valley Elementary	Sara Hulsizer	\$669.93
How to Use Fabric Scraps to Create Your Own Fabric	Sawtooth Middle School	Kristen Andrus	\$2,625.00
Exploring Life Science Through Frog Dissection	Sawtooth Middle School	Lauren Burns	\$663.00
Engaging, Self Checking Practice with VersaTiles in Grade 3	Siena Elementary	Karleen Wilson	\$869.17
Terrariums!	Siena Elementary	Jennifer Shirley	\$382.17
Orff Instruments for Creative Musicianship	Silver Sage Elementary	Anna Boyd	\$6,665.15
Hands-On Education: Building a Tactile Learning Environment	Silver Sage Elementary	Jasmine Ellington	\$362.00
STEM Bins and Science Curriculum Connections	Silver Sage Elementary School	Lisa Gorman (Jimenez)	\$1,590.00
Lego Robotics Kits for Classroom and After School Programs	Spalding STEM Academy	Brandi Huffman	\$1,133.80
Pre-Engineering in Motion: Empowering 8th Graders Through Robotics and CTE	Star Middle School	Karina Leininger	\$2,800.56

Summerwind STEM Academy Sensory Library	Summerwind STEM Academy	Lena Penry	\$1,857.00
Novel Sets and Learning Tools for 5th Grade	Summerwind STEM Academy	Marria Unser-Guzman	\$1,217.00
Curiosity in Action: STEM Learning and Creativity for All	Summerwind STEM Academy	Lisa Ellis	\$833.65
Read, Relax, Relate: Building a Welcoming Library for All Learners	Victory Middle School	Chenin McConnell	\$8,098.54
Collaboration and Problem Solving Through Screen Free Engagement	Willow Creek	Melissa Slocum, Hayley Bernard, Denise Gray, and Christie Khatibou (3rd Grade Willow Creek Team)	\$1,760.48