



Reaching Out Grants (ROG) Instructions and Guidelines Grant Programs - 2025-2026 School Year

Application Form

DUE: Monday, February 24th at 5pm

Introduction

Mission: The Greenwich Alliance for Education (Greenwich Alliance) mobilizes community resources to provide opportunities and services that foster educational success for all Greenwich Public School (GPS) students.

Vision: In partnership with the GPS the Greenwich Alliance for Education drives innovation, opportunity and access in learning to empower all students to achieve academic, personal and professional success.

Background: The Greenwich Alliance developed ROG in 2008 to fund new and continuing programs that support our mission of fostering educational success for all students. Through these grants, the Greenwich Alliance partners with GPS and to fund innovation, expand opportunities, inspire educators, and to continue to raise achievement for all students. We believe it is our shared community responsibility to leverage resources and build partnerships to guarantee all students achieve academic success and a promising future.

Grant Focus: The Greenwich Alliance seeks grant proposals that are aligned with the mission of the Greenwich Alliance, the GPS Vision of the Graduate and and the Board of Education's strategic plan.

Proposals should (1) foster educational success for under-resourced students and (2) be innovative programs and enrichment opportunities that elevate achievement for all students.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to look at the [grant history on the Greenwich Alliance website](#) to gain an understanding of what types of grants are typically awarded. Julie Faryniarz, Executive Director, is also available to discuss grant ideas and offer suggestions prior to an applicant writing a proposal – julie@greenwichalliance.org.

Grant Recipients: The Greenwich Alliance will make grants directly to the GPS. We will not make grants directly to any individual. Through ROG the Greenwich Alliance will support, but not directly operate programs. All grant programs will be run by the grant recipient's organization or their designee.

Grant Proposal Guidelines

Proposals must meet the following criteria:

- Fulfills the mission of the Greenwich Alliance, [GPS Vision of the Graduate](#), and the [Board of Education's Strategic Plan](#)
- Is aligned with, but does not assume core responsibilities of, the GPS
- Addresses an identified need among GPS students
- Has individual(s) firmly committed to implement the program, as well as the support of school personnel necessary for the program's success
- Is well-planned, with thorough consideration of goals, means, and budget
- Will have a measurable impact on fostering educational success in the proposed target population(s)
- Includes plans for evaluation of program outcomes and for reporting of those outcomes to the Greenwich Alliance
- Has strong promise for expansion, replication and/or continuation after the grant period

Prior successful proposals have included the concepts listed below:

- Addressing the social well-being of students by contributing to their confidence, attitudes, and feelings of inclusion
- Reflecting the consideration of students as individuals based on their interests and needs
- Innovating the education process to inspire teachers, elevate learning, and increase student engagement
- Contributing to students' positive impressions toward learning by connecting them to school
- Engaging families in their student's educational experiences
- Promoting opportunities that develop students' curiosity and critical thinking skills
- Incorporating technology to give students access to learning beyond traditional school boundaries of time and place

Required Documents

Proposals must include the following required documents:

Letter of Agreement: A letter of agreement signed by the building principal must be submitted as an attachment to the grant application, indicating the school's willingness to cooperate in offering the program to students, either as part of the school day or before/after school. This letter should be drafted by the applicant. APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT SUCH A LETTER.

Publicity Agreement: The Greenwich Alliance for Education depends on community support for its success and asks our grant recipients to acknowledge the Greenwich Alliance as a funding partner. Publicity agreement is linked on the application Google Form to be submitted with proposal.

Routing Document: The following GPS document must be submitted with the ROG application and include the signature of the school principal. The Greenwich Alliance will then forward the document to GPS administration.

Award Decisions

The Greenwich Alliance's ROG Committee is responsible for evaluating all grant applications following guidelines set forth by the Greenwich Alliance Board of Directors. The ROG Committee, which is composed of community members with interest and/or experience in the GPS will contact each application to meet and ask clarifying questions about their proposal. Following these meetings the ROG committee will recommend a slate of grants to the board of directors to be voted upon in April. The Executive Director will notify the grant applicants of the Board's decision.

Grant Implementation Expectations and Guidelines (NEW in 2025!)

Once a grant is approved to be funded, the Greenwich Alliance will schedule a meeting with the applicant(s) prior to the beginning of the program to discuss goals, outcomes, data collection and general expectations. Recipients will be required to provide (1) a mid-year progress report and (2) a comprehensive final report.

Grant Timeline

January 2025: ROG application will be posted on the Greenwich Alliance website: www.greenwichalliance.org

January – mid February: If an applicant would find it helpful to receive early feedback on their grant idea, please reach out to Julie Faryniarz, Greenwich Alliance's Executive Director, at julie@greenwichalliance.org

Monday, February 24th, 2025 at 5pm - Submission Deadline

Applications due using Google Form. You will automatically receive a copy of your application upon submission.

March 2025: The Reaching Out Grants' Committee will review applications and schedule *mandatory information visits* in March 2025.

April 2025: Grants Committee recommends slate of grants to Greenwich Alliance Board of Directors and are voted upon.

Week of April 28th, 2025: Applicants are notified

May 2025 - August 2025: Meeting with Greenwich Alliance staff on program goals, outcomes and data collection

Monday, January 5th, 2026: Program Progress Report due

Monday, July 14th, 2026: Final Report