



# Reaching Out Grants (ROG)

## Instructions and Guidelines

### Grant Programs - 2026-2027 School Year

## Application Form

**DUE: Monday, February 23rd at 5pm**

### Introduction

**Mission:** To advance student success by funding innovative programs that promote educational excellence and equitable opportunities for Greenwich Public School students.

**Core Values:** Excellence, Integrity, Collaboration, Joy

**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 advancing student success for all GPS students. Through these grants, the Greenwich Alliance partners with GPS 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 have been 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](mailto:julie@greenwichalliance.org) (203)912-9543.

**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.

## 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 (If you use Google Docs when uploading documents to the application, please be sure your settings are set to allow the documents to be shared and viewed):

**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

Once a grant is approved to be funded, the Greenwich Alliance will send a grant award letter to be signed and returned. In the early fall, the Alliance will schedule a meeting with the applicant(s) at the start 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 2026:** ROG application will be posted on the Greenwich Alliance website: [www.greenwichalliance.org](http://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](mailto:julie@greenwichalliance.org)

### **Monday, February 23rd, 2026 at 5pm - Submission Deadline**

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

**March 2026:** The Reaching Out Grants' Committee will review applications and schedule *mandatory information visits* in March 2025.

**April 2026:** Grants Committee recommends slate of grants to Greenwich Alliance Board of Directors and are voted upon.

**Week of April 27th, 2026:** Applicants are notified

**Fall 2026:** Meeting with Greenwich Alliance staff on program goals, outcomes and data collection

**February 2027:** Program Progress Report due

**June/July 2027:** Final Report due