



OMTA/OCF Grant Information

OMTA/OCF Grant funding is provided by the Nellie Tholen Fund, administered by the Oregon Community Foundation. The grant was first awarded in November 2014, was renewed in 2019, and has been renewed through 2027. The grant's purpose is to provide more continuing education opportunities for OMTA Districts via workshops and presentations for their members, non-member teachers, and students in their area. **This grant provides teacher enrichment programs for each district outside the Portland metro area. East Portland, West Portland, and Tualatin Valley districts are excluded.**

How it Works

- In late April of each year, the Grant Coordinator assembles and distributes a roster of grant program presenters and their presentations. That list is emailed to each district president. If you haven't received the roster, contact the [Grant Coordinator](#).
- Each district outside the Portland metro area is budgeted a specific amount of money to pay for these programs.
- In coordination with your district board or membership, choose presentations that will best help teachers in your area.
- Choose dates that will work for your district, either regular meeting days or a weekend day that could bring in potential new members and students.
- Choose a contact person to communicate with the [Grant Coordinator](#) via email. The Grant Coordinator will work directly with the presenters to schedule their presentations and coordinate details.
- When the Grant Coordinator lets you know that a date and presenter are booked, set a location.
- Districts are responsible for providing a venue, preferably free of cost. The grant does not cover the cost of venue rental. Please contact the Grant Coordinator if this presents a problem for your district.
- The grant pays the presenter an honorarium and travel expenses—districts have no expense here. Presenters booked through this grant have agreed to the honorarium offered by the grant. The Grant Coordinator takes care of paying presenters.
- Promote the presentation to member and non-member teachers in your area. The Grant Coordinator and the OMTA Office will design a poster and promotional packet for each event.
- Enjoy the programs and email the Grant Coordinator afterwards to report on how everything went. Comments from attendees are appreciated. Those comments are valuable in reporting the success of the program to the Oregon Community Foundation. All comments will be anonymous.

This grant is separate from the Nellie Tholen Endowment Fund Grant. Details on that grant are found on the OMTA website on the [Teacher Resources/Grants/Grants for Districts page](#). All OMTA districts are eligible for the Nellie Tholen Endowment Fund Grant.