



# Oregon Community Summer Grants Reporting

January 24, 2023

# Background on the OCSG Initiative

2022 Summer Learning Package allocated **\$150 million for summer learning**

**\$100 million** for school districts,  
public charter schools, & ESDs

**\$50 million** for community-  
based organizations

Administered through the **Oregon Community Summer Grant (OCSG) Initiative** by Oregon Association of Education Service Districts (OAESD)

**Initiative Priority:** To leverage state funds in an attempt to build mutually strengthening partnerships between community organizations and education entities to close the gap for youth who are underserved by our social systems.

# Background on the Report

OregonASK hired as a contractor to report on OCSG Initiative

**Reporting work** included:

- Focus groups with grantees
- Analysis of grant application data & grant reporting form data
- Collecting stories, experiences, and evidence of impact

**Reporting components** include:



Impact & Resource Portfolio



Impact Stories



Final report

# Funding

**377**

grants  
awarded

**364**

community-based  
organizations



**\$90,000**

median award

**\$47,671,717**

total awarded

# Spending

	Total Amount Spent	% of Total Spending	Median Amount per Grantee
<b>Personnel costs</b>	\$23,793,660.59	50%	\$42,550.50
<b>Materials and supplies</b>	\$9,688,875.74	20%	\$12,000.00
<b>Third party contracts</b>	\$5,830,394.81	12%	\$3,387.00
<b>Additional insurance</b>	\$904,682.72	2%	\$700.00
<b>Other costs</b>	\$7,172,504.47	15%	\$8,000.00

# Impacts

## Youth & Families

## Organizations & Workforce

### Impacts on Youth

### Impacts on Families

**REACH** 6,133 summer learning opportunities offered to nearly 240,000 youth

### TIME AND DURATION

54% of programs operated for 10 or more weeks

Most offered content for 4-5 days per week, for an average of 28 hours per week

### BENEFITS

Access to enrichment activities, exposure to new experiences, career skill building opportunities, support for academic learning and reductions in food insecurity

Social emotional development was a particular strength

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### Total number of youth served by grade level (2022-2023 school year)

	Count	Percent	
Kindergarten	20,680	9%	
First grade	23,461	10%	
Second grade	31,462	13%	
Third grade	31,282	13%	
Fourth grade	30,270	13%	
Fifth grade	29,821	12%	
Sixth grade	18,117	8%	
Seventh grade	13,663	6%	
Eighth grade	11,107	5%	
Ninth grade	7,676	3%	
Tenth grade	6,431	3%	
Eleventh grade	5,997	3%	
Twelfth grade	5,565	2%	
Post high school	3,538	1%	
Total	239,070	n= 361	

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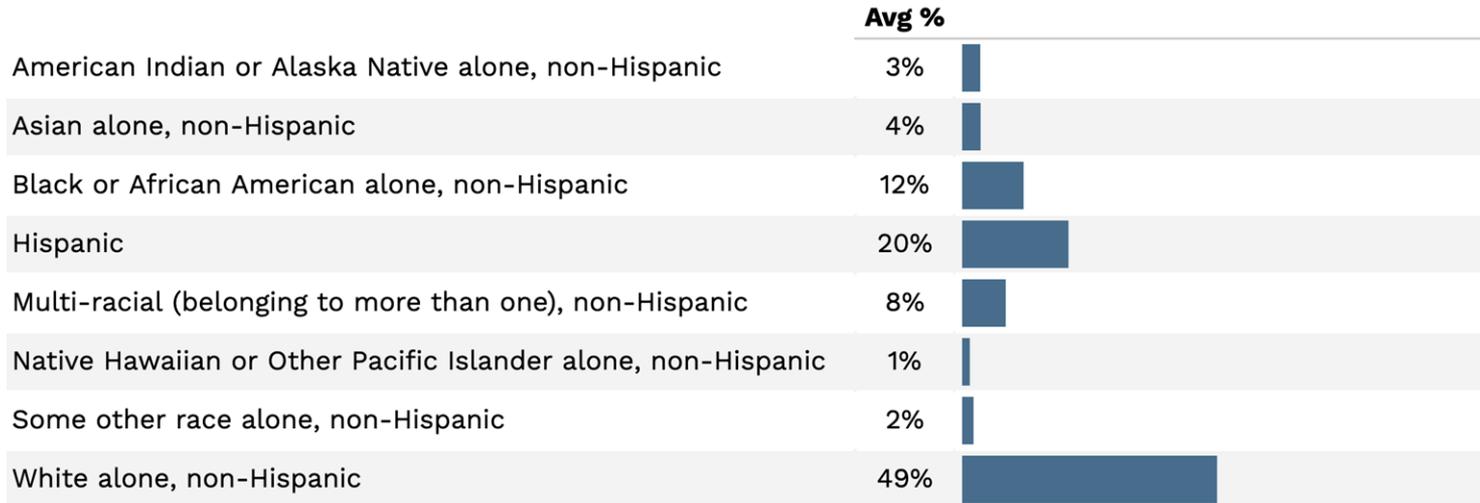
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### Percent of participants who identify with the racial or ethnic categories below



n= 341

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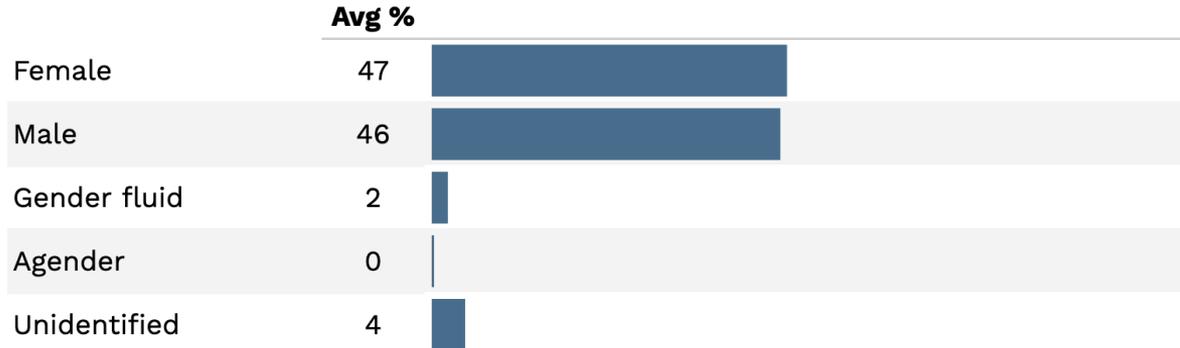
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### Percent of participants who identify with the gender categories listed



n= 345

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Percent of youth served eligible to receive free or reduced price lunch

Average percent	63%
Median percent	65%

## Organizations & Workforce

Percent of youth served experiencing disabilities

Average percent	15%
Median percent	7%

Programs exclusively serving youth experiencing disabilities

% of total overall programs	3%	
% of organizations w/ at least 1 program	18%	

n= 362

Programs with accommodations to serve youth experiencing disabilities

% of total overall programs	78%	
% of organizations w/ at least 1 program	88%	

n= 361

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OCSG funds made summer programs **more accessible to families** by:

Providing transportation

Reducing fees

Providing translated materials and/or translators

Summer programs also **provided classes and enrichment activities for families**

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## Organizations & Workforce

OCSG funds enabled grantees to **more effectively serve priority populations** by:

Purchasing supplies

Adapting programs and spaces

Providing scholarships

Offering transportation

Creating bilingual materials and hiring translators

Opening rural locations

Partnering with other community-based organizations

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## Youth & Families

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## Organizations & Workforce

Capacity & Reach

Workforce

Grantees **grew their capacity by:**

Hiring more staff

Recruiting new youth & families

Developing new programming

Opening new locations

Purchasing supplies

Investing in improvements

Grantees **built partnerships** with:

Schools

Migrant education programs

Community organizations

Higher education institutions

Local businesses

Museums

Government agencies and Libraries

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Capacity & Reach

Workforce

Grantees were able to **offer their staff:**

Higher compensation

Better benefits

Professional development training

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“This was the first summer where the staff reported feeling like we could move from a scarcity mindset toward really pursuing the activities and events planning with what benefits the students as the only main consideration.”

# Challenges and Lessons Learned

## Outreach & Recruitment



## Staffing



## Grant Processes



# Insurance Requirements

63% of grantees had to **purchase additional insurance coverage**

## Insurance spending:

\$900,000 of grant funds were spent on additional coverage

Median cost of additional coverage was \$2,500

Additional coverage accounted for about 5% of grantee's total award amounts

Insurance requirements were the **most significant barrier** to accessing OSCG funds



“We understand the need for insurance, but the prohibitive levels and requirements are a HUGE barrier to smaller organizations and frontier communities. Those who have, continue to receive more, and those who don't have, continue to go without.”

# Reporting

Reporting challenges included:

Reporting questions not available until September

Some CBOs lack data collection and reporting capacity

Demographic data collection can be a barrier to participation



# Timeline

Late May - Mid June  
**School ends and summer begins**

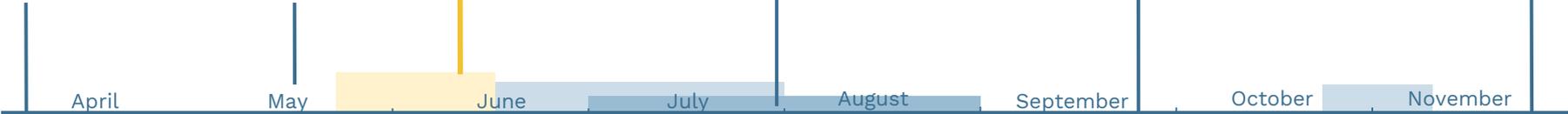
April 4  
HB 5202  
**signed into law**

Mid-May  
Award process paused to  
**review and clarify insurance requirements**

July - Aug  
**Fund disbursement (90%)**

Sept 26  
**Revised report form opened**

Late Nov  
**Final 10% disbursement**



April 20  
**Applications opened**

June 6  
**Grant review begins**

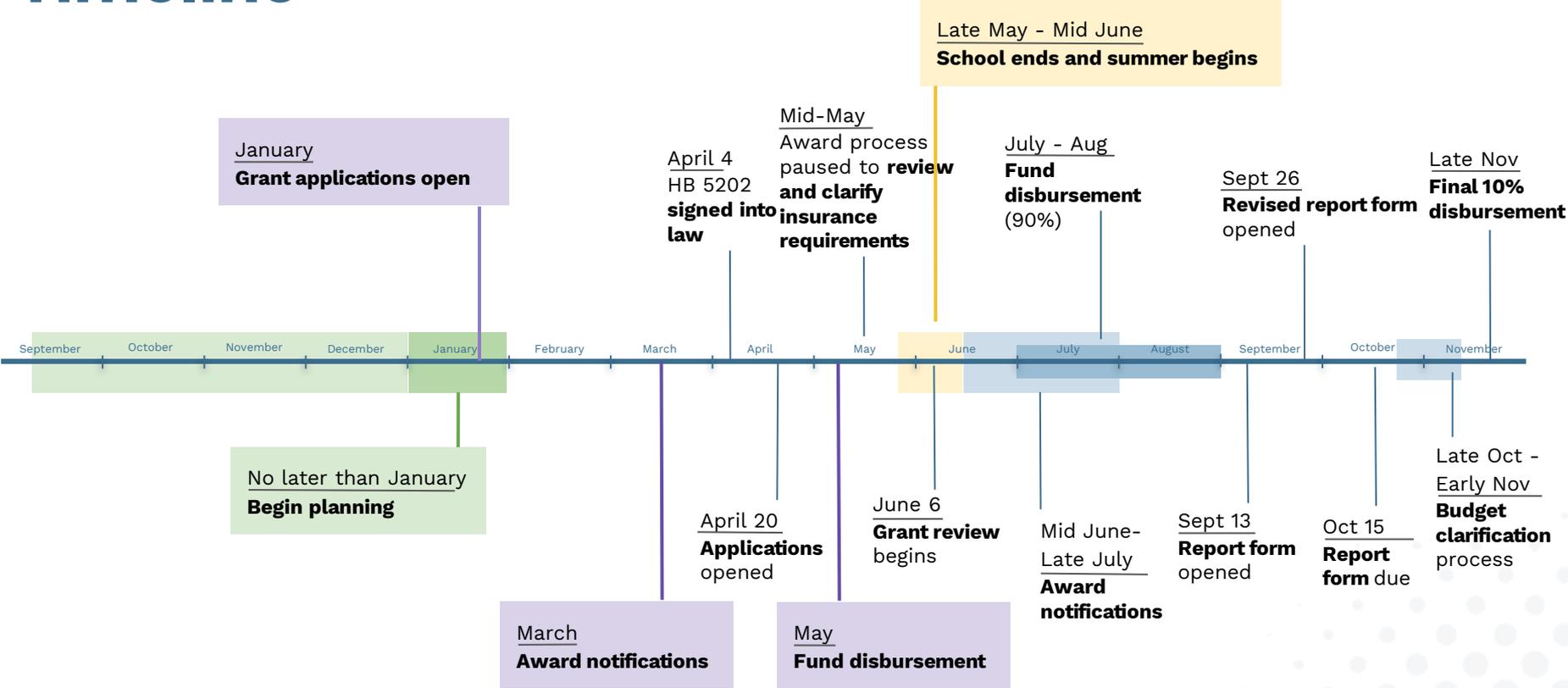
Mid June - Late July  
**Award notifications**

Sept 13  
**Report form opened**

Oct 15  
**Report form due**

Late Oct - Early Nov  
**Budget clarification process**

# Timeline



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"The funding this year was incredible...the impact that it had was really transformational for our programs and for our participants. Just the ability to say, when our Native American camp staff came to us and said 'we would really like to make hand drums, and we've got somebody who is an expert in this, but we know the hides are so expensive.' To be able to say yes, go buy them...Just to be able to say yes to things that are most impactful and center what's best for the students without worrying how we're going to pay for it."



# Recommendations

1. Provide **consistent, sustainable funding** for similar initiatives in future years, and ensure that any future **grant funds are available earlier in the year**.
2. Create **formalized grant processes** that include streamlined systems for applications, communications, and reporting.
3. **Ease the burden of insurance requirements** for community-based organizations.
4. Provide **support and resources to build capacity and quality** in community-based organizations.