

# House Bill 3941

Sponsored by Representative NGUYEN H; Senator FREDERICK

## SUMMARY

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Digest: Tells ODE to create a grant program for community schools. (Flesch Readability Score: 78.2).

Directs the Department of Education to establish and administer a grant program for community schools. Prescribes the requirements of the grant program.

Allocates lottery funds for the grant program.

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to community schools; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Education shall establish and administer a grant program for community schools. For the purpose of the program, the department may enter into a contract with a nonprofit entity that has experience with community schools.**

**(2) Any eligible applicant may apply to participate in the grant program under this section. An applicant is an eligible applicant if the applicant:**

**(a) Is a consortium of:**

**(A) One or more school districts;**

**(B) One or more community-based organizations; and**

**(C) Any combination of education service districts, federally recognized tribes, nonprofit organizations and other public and private entities.**

**(b) Is able to provide matching funds.**

**(c) Has a plan for implementing a community school, as described in subsection (3) of this section.**

**(3) An applicant that receives moneys under this section must use the moneys to create and maintain a community school. A community school is an existing public school that:**

**(a) Participates in a community-based effort to coordinate and integrate educational, developmental, family, health and other comprehensive services through community-based organizations and public and private partnerships; and**

**(b) Provides access to the services described in paragraph (a) of this subsection at a school:**

**(A) To students, families and the community; and**

**(B) At times that may include during and after school hours, on weekends and during summer.**

**(4) For the purpose of administering the grant program, the department or the entity under contract with the department shall establish a committee with members who have**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 experience in trauma-informed school systems, culturally specific community engagement,  
2 school health services, health or education equity practices, school or community needs as-  
3 sessments, after-school programs or community schools.

4 (5) The department, or the entity under contract with the department, shall select no  
5 more than five eligible applicants to receive a grant of \$170,000 for each year of participation  
6 in the grant program. The selection of the applicants and the terms of the grant agreement  
7 shall take into consideration the recommendations of the committee established under sub-  
8 section (4) of this section. Each eligible applicant shall identify one member of the consor-  
9 tium to enter into a grant agreement on behalf of the consortium.

10 (6) The department shall submit reports concerning the grant program to the interim  
11 committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education as follows:

12 (a) The first report must be submitted no later than September 15, 2026, and must sum-  
13 marize progress on the establishment and administration of the grant program.

14 (b) The second report must be submitted no later than September 15, 2028, and must  
15 summarize progress on the administration of the grant program.

16 (c) The third report must be submitted no later than September 15, 2029, and must pro-  
17 vide a summary of the grant program.

18 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2030.

19 SECTION 3. There is allocated for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, from the Admin-  
20 istrative Services Economic Development Fund, to the Department of Education, the amount  
21 of \$4,990,000 for the grant program established and administered as provided by section 1 of  
22 this 2025 Act.

23 SECTION 4. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
24 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect  
25 July 1, 2025.  
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