

CHARACTER EDUCATION FUNDING OPPORTUNITY!



The Arizona Department of Education is excited to announce new Mini-Grant intended for purchase of a character education programs that promote values such as responsibility, respect, caring, fairness, and citizenship and contributes to the development of well-rounded and ethical students. This matching grant gives an opportunity to Arizona schools to receive matching funds for SY2025 and 2026.

Mini-Grant Overview

The Character Education Matching Mini-Grant is authorized by Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) 15-154.01. Its purpose is to provide funding schools for training on a character education curriculum pursuant to A.R.S. 15-719.

Eligibility and Requirements:

- Schools must provide matching monies from any lawful source in an amount that is equal to or greater than the amount of grant funds requested.
- Local education agencies (LEAs) must agree to fully participate in program evaluation and submit evidence of program outcomes and results, including visual documentation, such as short video clips or photo evidence of program implementation when requested by the ADE.
- The ADE is requiring that LEAs sign a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) attestation form (unless on file) found in the LEA Document Library in FY2024.

Grants Management Enterprise Application Information:

2025 Character Education Matching Mini-Grant (New Grantees) – Year 1

Providers and Programs

Applicants should contact a program provider before applying to determine programmatic costs. LEAs are authorized to use pre-approved Providers and Programs. For additional providers not listed or for program recommendations, please contact Character Education Unit.

Application Open Date:

Currently open

Project End Date:

06/30/2025 with option to reapply for 2026 Character Education Matching Mini-Grant – Continuation

Range of Award:

\$1,000 – \$10,000

Allocations

All approved applications will be awarded funding if the requested amounts are within the available funding level. Should eligible requests exceed the available funding, the evaluation team will rank order applications and funding will be awarded to those with the highest likelihood of achieving desired outcomes.

Carryover Permitted:

Yes

Grants Management Enterprise Contact:

For assistance within the GME system, please contact Grants Management at 602.542.3901, or submit a service request online at <https://helpdeskexternal.azed.gov/>.

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