

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FY2025-2026: Planning Grants for Campus Without Walls Pilot Reimagining Access, Equity, and Opportunity in Public Education

Purpose:

In today's fast-moving, technology-driven world, no student's future should be determined by their zip code or assigned school. Yet, far too often, structural inequities in public education—rooted in geography, funding, and access—continue to limit opportunity for too many students across the Commonwealth.

The time for a bold new approach is now.

While the pandemic exposed serious challenges in remote learning, it also revealed powerful possibilities: the potential to transcend traditional boundaries of time and place, and to reimagine what equitable access to high-quality learning can look like. Yet, unlike the private sector where remote and hybrid innovation accelerated, education has largely returned to pre-pandemic models—leaving students disengaged and educators stretched thin.

Project Duration:

FY2026 — Year 1: 11/1/2025 – 6/30/2026 FY2027 — Year 2: 7/1/2026 – 8/31/2027

*Year 2 continuation funding would be available upon successful completion of agreed-upon project milestones in Year 1.

For more information, watch this <u>4 minute video overview</u> and then visit our <u>website</u>. Contact: Milly Arbaje-Thomas, Chief of Staff at milly@campuswithout walls.org.

Additional Information:

For more information on this RFP, please register for one of our **Info Sessions below**:

- Info Session 1: Thursday, September 11 at 9 am
- Info Session 2: Friday, September 12 @ 9 am

HOW TO APPLY:

This is a two-step application process.

Step 1: Submit the <u>INTENT TO APPLY form</u> by Monday, September 15th at 5 pm EST if you intend to apply for a Planning Grant with Campus Without Walls.

Step 2: Submit the <u>Planning Grant Application</u> by Monday, October 6, 2025 at 5 pm EST. As part of this application, you will need to decide who will participate on your Planning Team, identify the virtual courses you want most for your students through the Consortium, and consider which course your school could design and offer virtually to the Consortium starting with the FY 2026-2027 school year.

As part of the grant selection process, Campus Without Walls will conduct a virtual interview with selected applicants in October, before award decisions are made. Campus Without Walls reserves the right to consider additional factors such as geographic distribution (rural, urban, and suburban) and diversity of applicant schools (comprehensive, vocational-technical and charter) in making final award decisions. **Awards will be determined by November 7, 2025.**