



2025-26 Keep Orlando Beautiful Mission Impact Grant Application Fact Sheet

Grantor Focus

Keep Orlando Beautiful's mission is to engage, educate, and empower the community to take pride in their environment through litter prevention, recycling, and beautification efforts. Grants will be awarded to projects, gardens, or field trips that align and support Keep Orlando Beautiful's mission. You can learn more about environmental field trips available from the City of Orlando here:

<https://www.orlando.gov/Community-Programs-Events/Educational-Programs-for-Schools-and-Organizations>.

Keep Orlando Beautiful will support educational initiatives in City of Orlando schools by funding projects that reflect our mission to inspire eco-stewardship—empowering students to take pride in and actively protect their environment.

Funding priority will be given to:

- Creative, well-written proposals that clearly and comprehensively describe the classroom's and/or students' needs
- Keep Orlando Beautiful Volunteers are available if extra help is needed to complete the project. Applicants should build into their application plans a request for volunteer help if needed.

Eligibility

- K-12 classroom teachers in traditional OCPS [schools within the City of Orlando](#) may apply for up to \$5,000 for projects relating to litter prevention, recycling, water conservation, and beautification. If unsure about the accuracy of this zoning list, you can double-check using the school's zip code [here](#).
- Proposed project activities must take place within the 2025-26 grant year (October 6-April 15).
- Project activities may occur before, during, and/or after school.

Allowable Expenses

- supplies
- equipment
- transportation
- registration fees

Grant Will NOT Cover

- Exotic ornamental plants
- Honoraria, salaries, stipends or substitute teachers
- Awards, incentives, t-shirts or food

Application Requirements

- All applications must be submitted via the TIG application Form.
- All applications must be approved by the school principal.

Procurement Considerations

- All spend activity must take place with an OCPS-approved vendor and follow internal procurement guidelines.
NOTE: No purchases from the grant funds may be made prior to the official grant award notification.

Application Timeline (subject to change):

Application Opens:	January 5, 2026
Application Closes:	February 9, 2026
Application Review:	February 10-18, 2026
Award Notification:	February 23-27, 2026
Unspent Funds Returned:	May 15, 2026
Final Evaluation Due:	May 15, 2026

Evaluation:

KOB staff and board members judge grant applications in a competitive process, with preference given to creative, well-written proposals that clearly and comprehensively describe the classroom and/or students' needs.

Note: though some teachers are invited to scoring sessions, most volunteer reviewers are not educators and will not be familiar with educational terminology. Make sure to write clearly and concisely.

Distribution:

Award funds will be sent via check to the school address to be deposited into the school's internal account. If purchases must be made through external vendors, bookkeepers may cut a check for that amount, and send it directly to the OCPS Finance department to be deposited in the school's external account. Unspent funds over \$25 must be returned via check payable to Foundation for Orange County Public Schools.

Note: Items purchased with grant funds may travel to a new school with the grantee should work location change, but are not the personal property of the grantee. Upon resignation or retirement, the grant-funded items become the property of the OCPS school where grantee was last employed.

Grantee Responsibility:

- A Google Form submitted directly to KOB team will be required for student impact data reporting.
- Post-award- E-sign the TIG contract upon receipt, upload to your Google Drive. Set sharing permissions to "Anyone with the link" and post share link in the TIG tracking form [link pending].
- Post-project- Upload expense summary, proofs of purchases, and student impact data to your Google Drive. Set sharing permissions to "Anyone with the link" and post share link in the TIG tracking form.
- Unspent funds must be returned to FOCPS no later than May 15, 2026.
- Submit the Final Evaluation Report and summary presentation by May 15, 2026.

Make sure to visit the Foundation's website with videos of grant winner projects, impact data, and photos of winning classrooms: [Teacher Impact Grants](#)