



Ashland
SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION



Connecting
the community
to the classroom
in Ashland
Public Schools





Invest in our Future

The Ashland Schools Foundation is dedicated to expanding educational opportunities for all Ashland public school students to help them achieve their unique potential. We do this through fundraising in the community, and partnering with donors like you!

2020-21 GRANTS = \$288,857

In a year of unprecedented challenges and changes, the community continued to show outstanding support for Ashland Public Schools. Even though COVID brought the 2020 ASF Annual Fund Drive to a halt in the spring, our supporters still opted to strengthen Ashland's educational resources with their donations. These gifts allowed ASF to pivot and revise grant programs to be responsive to the immediate needs of administrators, teachers and students.

- ✦ **Education Support Grants: \$101,500**
To meet district and school-wide needs
- ✦ **Classroom Impact Grants: \$35,000**
To enhance classroom-based learning
- ✦ **Fund for Equity & Inclusion: \$7,000**
To expand diversity, equity and inclusion resources
- ✦ **ASD Fire Assistance Fund: \$63,857**
To support school families impacted by the Alameda Fire
- ✦ **Direct Support to Programs: \$29,000**
To provide fundraising resources for school programs



Ashland School

CLASSROOM IMPACT GRANTS

\$35,000 • Current Grants Awarded: 40

To support our educators' dynamic classroom needs this year, our Grant Committee overhauled the application process for Classroom Impact Grants. We expanded criteria and got funding into the hands of teachers in record time! These grants supplement materials and enhance class time with creative and impactful projects in every Ashland school. While grant funds remain, awards will continue making their way to classrooms throughout the district. *See impact areas below and grant lists on our website.*

Science, Math & Tech

Current Grants Awarded: 13

Science can be challenging to teach online, but Helman used a grant to partner with ScienceWorks to engineer recycled racers at home, and AHS is setting up take-home chemistry labs for students continuing with distance learning. Now that many students are back on campus, several schools received grants to help students experiment with hands-on science once again.

Language Arts

Current Grants Awarded: 10

This year's donations are helping AHS students to learn mindful, sense-based writing techniques, and bringing more diverse literature into our middle and elementary schools. In classrooms and libraries, students will have access to explore issues surrounding diversity, homelessness, and the importance of practicing equity and inclusion.



Note: Most photos in this brochure are from past activities when social distancing was not required.



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Theater & Arts

Current Grants Awarded: 10

ASF funds are being used to nurture creative exploration at home and school. Grant dollars are helping AHS and AMS theater students to continue with socially-distanced and safe productions. In addition, classrooms and campuses are getting crafty with ASF-funded art projects big and small, from desktop puppet theaters to collaborative multi-wall murals.

Health & P.E.

Current Grants Awarded: 9

Impact Grants are being used in new and creative ways to support students' physical and emotional health. With donor help, elementary students are jumping ropes and hitting the mats in P.E., while AMS funds are facilitating grief support, providing outdoor activities, and encouraging students to explore ideas around identity and self-representation.



Grants in Action

EDUCATION SUPPORT GRANTS

\$101,500 • Current Grants Awarded: 15

These larger grants support district and school-wide needs. This year ASF provided \$30,000 for at-home student learning devices, and awarded a grant to hire music professionals as coaches for small-group instruction in band and orchestra classes. We also funded large-scale outdoor projects including tents for open-air classrooms, a new Bellview greenhouse, and the AHS Thoreau Program's garden shed.

View all Education Support grants on our website.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION SUPPORT

Many of this year's grants are weaving themes of equity, diversity and inclusion throughout Ashland schools. From book purchases to art projects, these grants are helping provide students with opportunities to discuss cultural experiences, uncover new narratives, and respectfully engage in conversations around race, bias, and equity. New translation systems will also help to bridge language gaps for students, family members and educators.

Donate to ASF's Fund for Equity & Inclusion to help.

Read More About This Year's Awarded Grants

Want to know what's inside the Outdoor Adventure Backpacks for Bellview 2nd graders? Or learn how our classrooms are using tents provided by ASF to move on-site instruction outdoors? Visit the Grant History page of our website to read details about all of our 2020-21 grants in action, and check out new grants as they're awarded throughout Ashland Public Schools.



Make a Difference

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Giving Opportunities



Donate NOW to the Annual Fund Drive

Supporting academic excellence requires your help to fill funding gaps and create exceptional opportunities for all

Ashland students – current and future – with your gift to the 2021 Annual Fund Drive.

Make a Tribute Gift

Give a donation in honor or memory of a loved one or favorite teacher.

Support the Endowment Fund

Gifts to the endowment, either as bequests, stock or cash gifts, help ASF build a long-term solution to the District's ongoing funding challenges.

How to Give

- **Donate online** at AshlandSchoolsFoundation.org, where you can set up a one-time, annual or recurring gift with a credit card.
- **Text to give** from your phone, by texting “ASF” to 72572.
- **Mail a check** to Ashland Schools Foundation at 100 Walker Ave, Ashland, OR 97520.
- **Call ASF** at 541-482-8197 for more info about giving opportunities such as donating stock.

Approximately 85% of your donation will directly support the schools; only a small amount is used for fundraising and administrative purposes.



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