IGNITE GRANTS 2020

Imagine, build, and re-energize your learning innovations.
HELPING THE NETWORK TRANSFORM IDEAS INTO ACTION.

Remake Learning is a network that ignites engaging, relevant, and equitable learning practices in support of young people navigating rapid social and technological change. A rapidly shifting society places ever-changing expectations on learners and educators alike: tomorrow’s graduates won’t assemble cars; they’ll design the computers that drive them. They’ll be tasked with solving global challenges, from climate change to hunger. Their jobs—many of which we can’t yet imagine—will require them to think critically, solve complex problems, and collaborate and communicate across cultures.

Of course, remaking learning is about more than preparing the future workforce. It’s also about raising creative, curious, caring citizens. It’s about building stronger, more inclusive communities; a more robust, equitable region; and a more just, loving world.

Remake Learning invites school districts and nonprofit organizations in southwestern Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia to help spark wonder, compassion, and a sense of belonging among the region’s learners. We specifically seek to support equitable learning experiences through projects that work alongside—as well as uplift and support—the voices, strength, and potential of learners impacted by poverty, learners of color, learners in rural areas, girls in STEM, and learners with exceptionalities.

In 2020, we’re making catalytic grants of $5,000 to support network members as they imagine something new, build on their strengths, or re-energize their existing learning innovations.

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FUNDING PRIORITIES

Ignite Grants will provide catalytic funding of up to $5,000 to support learning practices, projects, and environments that:

Activate skills in critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, communication, and collaboration so that learners are prepared for an increasingly technology-driven future. Learners are empowered to identify and solve problems that affect them and their communities; to fail, retry, and learn from mistakes; to express their creativity in authentic ways; and to both struggle and have fun.

Challenge learners to question, examine, and dissect social systems; to develop the confidence to address and deconstruct inequalities; and to construct a more just and equitable world.

Connect all the places learners live, work, and play, including schools, libraries, museums, parks, clubs, community centers, centers of faith, at home, and online.

Encourage learners to explore and play and support them to follow their curiosity using varied tools (including, but not limited to, technologies).

Derive from deep and caring relationships between learners and their families, peers, educators, and mentors.

Connect learners to their communities and, in an interconnected world, help learners develop cross-cultural understandings that unlock opportunities to thrive both within and beyond their own communities.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

▶ Preference will be given to projects that engage, uplift, and involve learners impacted by poverty; learners of color; learners in rural areas; girls in STEM; and/or learners with exceptionalities.

▶ Projects should support one or more Remake Learning focus areas and the Profile of a Learner.

▶ Projects should fall clearly into one of three support areas: support for newly imagined and not yet launched projects; capacity building for existing and growing projects; or, support to re-energize and bolster established projects.
Each application requires the signature of the applicant’s executive director or superintendent.

Each grantee will be expected to share their stories in at least one (1) of the following formats:

- **Host a showcase table at a network event**, such as the Remake Learning Network Assembly in December 2020.
- **Host an event during Remake Learning Days** in May 2021.

Grants selected for funding will be administered by [Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania](#), Remake Learning’s fiscal sponsor.

Support for Ignite Grants 2020 has been provided by The Grable Foundation.

Applications for Ignite Grants 2020 are due **Friday, March 13, 2020, by noon**. Grants of up to $5,000 will be awarded in **May 2020**.
ELIGIBILITY

Any 501(c) nonprofit organization, school district, or fiscally sponsored project that is active in Remake Learning and works to spark engaging, relevant, and equitable learning opportunities is invited to apply. While we welcome multiple applications per organization, it is unlikely more than one application will be awarded per entity.

Remake Learning members reside in the greater Pittsburgh region, which includes the counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, and Westmoreland in Pennsylvania, as well as parts of north-central West Virginia.

If you and your organization are not already listed on the directory for Remake Learning, join online at remakelearning.org/join.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the online application at remakelearning.org/grants by 12 pm on Friday, March 13.

The application will take approximately one hour to complete. Please make sure you can answer yes to the following questions before you start your application:

1. Have you read and do you understand fully the funding priorities, requirements, timeline, and eligibility?
2. Have you received written approval from your organizational lead to apply (superintendent, executive director, etc.)?
3. Are you a member of the Remake Learning network (do you have an individual and/or organizational/district profile on remakelearning.org/members)?

Please send any questions to apply@remakelearning.org.