



MOONSHOT



GRANTS

SHOOT FOR THE MOON

A “moonshot” is a massive effort to achieve a boldly ambitious goal. Inherently risky and without any guarantee of success, moonshots have the potential to turn a few small steps into a giant leap forward.

Launched in 2021, Remake Learning’s Moonshot Grants invite applicants to envision a preferred future of learning and imagine what small steps they could take today toward that giant leap in the future.

Remake Learning has catalyzed more than 50 Moonshot projects, totaling more than \$3.5 million invested in bold ideas that have the potential to shape the future of teaching and learning in the greater Pittsburgh region of southwestern Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia.

Across the region, grantees have challenged traditional notions of professional development, explored personalized learning, eliminated traditional letter grades, experimented with multigenerational learning, and much more.

Assemble a diverse team ready to go to new places together.

Identify your strengths and opportunities. What sets you apart? What’s unique about your context?

Imagine your preferred future of learning. What do you want learning to look like in 10-20 years?

Describe the attributes. What are the key features that make your preferred future of learning distinct?

Connect present to future. What small changes today could cause big shifts tomorrow?

Generate an idea, something that’s never been tried before, that could bring your preferred future of learning one step closer.

Inspired by the original moonshot effort to carry humans to the Moon, Moonshot Grants ask you to dream big, take risks, and team up with unlikely partners to make the impossible possible.

In 2025, Remake Learning’s Moonshot Grants return with \$1 million of funding to distribute—our largest Moonshot opportunity to date!



THE OPPORTUNITY

CATALYZING WORKING GROUP PRIORITIES

This year, the Moonshot Grant opportunity will focus on igniting region-wide transformations inspired by the priorities of [Remake Learning's Working Groups](#).

Applicants do not need to be members of a Remake Learning Working Group to apply.



	PGH Regional STE(A)M Ecosystem	Personalized Learning Working Group	Civic Learning Working Group
Positioning Learners as Leaders	Help youth chart post-secondary pathways for careers in emerging industries.	Involve young people in shaping their learning experiences.	Create authentic and meaningful leadership opportunities for learners.
Sparking Learner Engagement	Inspire interest in STEAM for elementary school aged learners.	Build confidence and self-advocacy of learners by tapping into their strengths and interests.	Broaden the scope of civic learning to include meaningful community engagement.
Connecting Partners	Build connections to industry through exposure, shadowing, internship, and mentorship opportunities.	Scale personalized learning practices by developing infrastructure, partnerships, and resources.	Create impactful opportunities for real-life, hands-on civic learning through cross-sector collaboration.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

GRANTS OF UP TO \$50,000 ARE AVAILABLE.

The application process will ask you to propose how you would test your idea at different funding amounts.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants will complete a Letter of Intent (LOI) template that includes prompts to select a priority area inspired by Remake Learning's Working Groups, briefly describe their Moonshot idea, outline their preferred future of learning, and explain how they propose to use the grant funding.

Following a review of all LOIs received, Remake Learning will invite selected applicants to submit full proposals.

Funding decisions will be made following a review of all eligible proposals received by the deadline.

FAQ

Would you fund the creation of a new program?

No, Moonshot Grants fund the testing of bold new ideas through experimentation, not the establishment of programs.

What if my idea is not new in itself, but would be new to my organization? Moonshot Grants fund truly novel ideas, not new applications or instances of existing ideas.

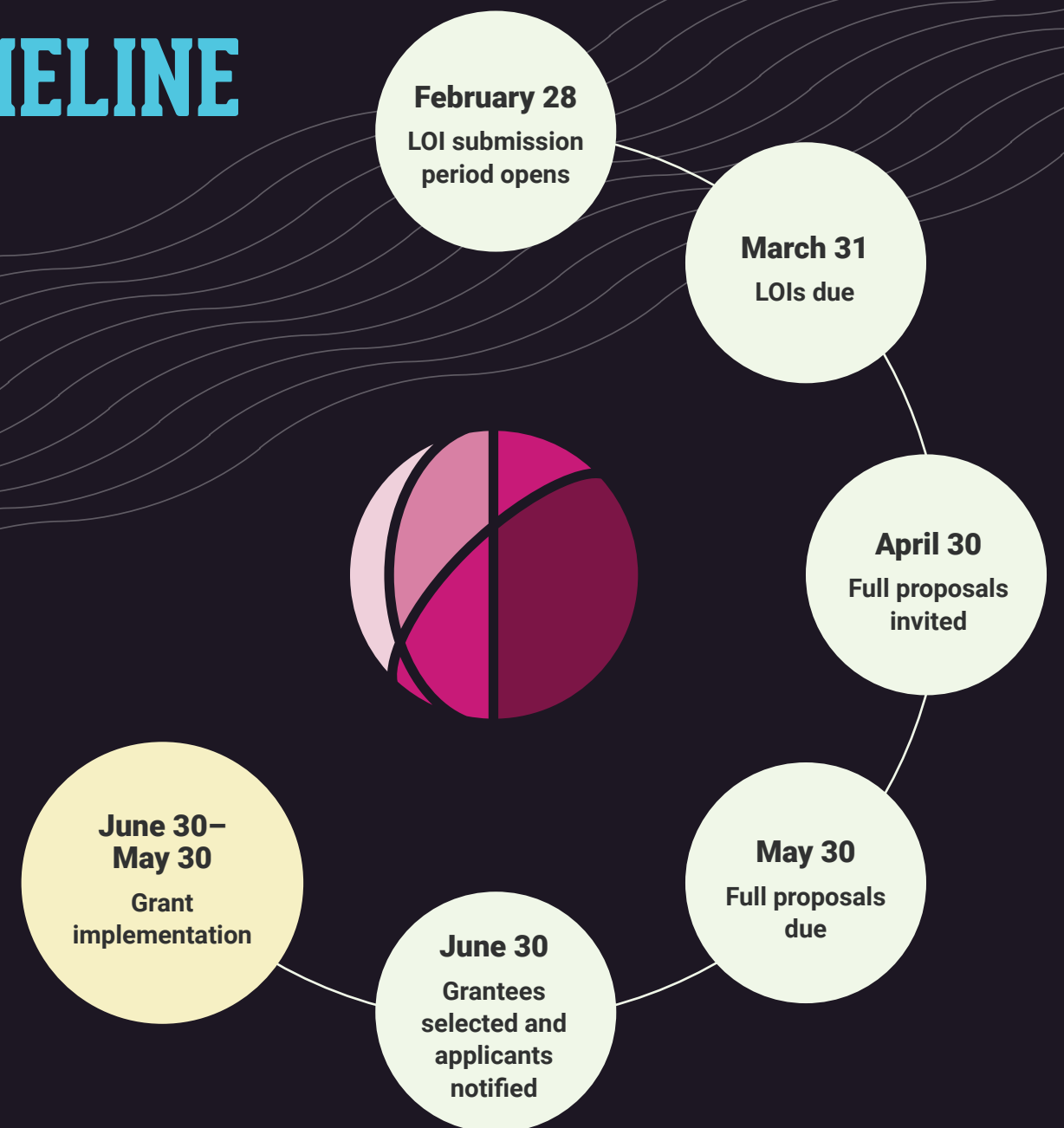
Can my organization submit more than one proposal? No, organizations should pick one idea and give it their best shot.

Will you fund a multi-year project? No, Moonshot projects must be completed within one year.

Can current Moonshot Grantees apply for the working group Moonshot Grants? Yes, as long as your current Moonshot Grant is in good standing.

Learn more and apply at remakelearning.org/moonshot

TIMELINE



ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a Moonshot Grant:

The person leading the project must be a registered member of the Remake Learning network. Visit remakelearning.org/join to register.

The organization receiving the grant must be a 501(c)3 organization, school, university, or fiscally sponsored project. Other entities may be included in the project, but the organization receiving the grant must be one of the entities listed above.

The project activities must be based in one of the following counties:

Pennsylvania: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, Westmoreland

West Virginia: Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Preston, Wetzel

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Remake Learning Moonshot Grants challenge educators to envision a preferred future of learning and imagine what small steps they can take today to catalyze movement toward giant leaps for the future of learning.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

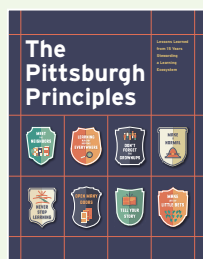
You may wish to explore these publications prior to beginning an application.



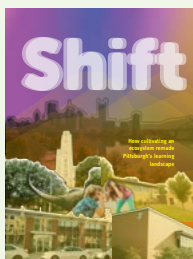
Futures to Forge: Findings from the 2024 Forge Futures summit



Moonshot: A guide to bold & experimental thinking in education



The Pittsburgh Principles: Lessons Learned from 15 years of stewarding a learning ecosystem



Shift: How cultivating an ecosystem remade Pittsburgh's learning landscape

ABOUT REMAKE LEARNING

Remake Learning sparks engaging, relevant, and equitable opportunities to enrich Pittsburgh's learning ecosystem. Founded in 2007, Remake Learning stewards a network of more than 1,200 educators and innovators working together in support of young people navigating rapid social and technological change. Learn more at remakelearning.org.

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