Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Eligibility & Qualifications

1. **Who can apply for these grants?**
   a. These grants are for Local PTAs in good standing. Contact your state PTA to find out if your PTA is in good standing, as well as what qualifies as good standing.
2. **Can I receive a grant if I've won a grant in the past?**
   a. You cannot receive a grant for the same program if you have won a grant for that program in the past. However, you are eligible to receive a grant for a different program within the same initiative. For example, if you received a grant for the STEM + Families Science Festival last year, you will not be eligible for that grant this year. However, you would still be eligible for the STEM + Families Propelling Our World grant.
3. **How can we find out if we've previously won a grant?**
   a. Please email Grants@PTA.org and we will be able to provide you information on grant wins from previous years.
4. **If our PTA has multiple schools, can we apply multiple times?**
   a. These grants are for Local PTAs. Local PTAs should encompass one school. If you are not a local PTA, you can support your local PTA in applying by working with Local PTA leaders. You can email Grants@PTA.org if you have more questions.
5. **If we were a part of a pilot group for one of these grants last year, can we apply for the actual grant this year?**
   a. Yes, you can still apply for the grant.
6. **Is every grant need based only? We are trying to start some new programming but may not meet the need-based criteria. Should we still apply?**
   a. We will be prioritizing PTAs that are able to demonstrate in their application why and how grant funding would enable their PTA to run programming that their PTA otherwise would not be able to run.
7. **Where can I find information about geographic qualifications for the STEM + Families Science Festival grant?**
   a. The geographic qualifications for this grant can be found under the STEM + Families Science Festival Grant description, found on both [OpenWater](#) and [PTA.org/Grants.](#)
8. **Can we use grants even if our school is not holding in-person events?**
   a. Yes! Our programs are designed to be put on through In-Person and At-Home models. Grants can be used to support all program models, In- Person and At-Home.
9. **Are these grants just for these programs or future programs as well?**
   a. We have a set number of grants for these programs, all of which are open to apply to right now. Future grants that we launch will be for different programs. Information about these grants and when they launch will be released on [PTA.org/Grants](#) in the near future.

Details & Logistics

1. **When is the deadline to apply?**
   a. All applications must be in by September 27th, 8pm ET/5pm PT. This is a hard deadline.
2. **When will we find out if we won a grant?**
   a. Grant winners will be announced the week of October 25th.
3. **If we are selected as a grant participant, is there a timeframe for when the grant needs to be completed by?**
   a. All of these grants are for programs that will go through the middle of May. The goal is to have your programs run throughout the school year, alongside other PTA leaders running programs. All forms and collection of data for your programs should be in by the end of May.
4. **Are there going to be grants coming up for councils? Can councils help multiple local units?**
   a. We currently do not have any grants open for councils; however, councils are able support local PTAs through the grants process. If you are helping local PTAs apply, make sure you are working with each local PTA leader to fill out separate applications. Only the local PTA should submit the application and the local PTA contact information should be provided in the application.
5. **How can State PTA leaders help National and Local units with program implementation?**
   a. State PTAs can help their Local units by assessing how to make their PTA programs more accessible to families. Check out all our National PTA programs and resources. For more in-depth ways to support at the state level, you can email Grants@PTA.org and we will provide you with additional information and materials.

Support & Resources

1. **Who should I contact if I need help?**
   a. If you have questions about program implementation within your specific community, make sure to talk to other PTA members and your school administration. If you have questions about the application, or how to run a National PTA program, please email Grants@PTA.org.
2. **Are there any resources to help with the writing portion for applying for grants?**
   a. The judge's rubric is the best resources to help guide you through the written portions of the application. Additionally, if you have any questions about the written portion, you can email Grants@PTA.org.
3. **How can we contact you to participate in programs?**
   a. You can email us at Grants@PTA.org and we will put you in a cohort as well as put you in contact with the manager of that program for additional support.
4. **What kind of support will be offered if our PTA receives a grant?**
   a. Your PTA will receive one-on-one technical assistance and will be able to join a cohort alongside other local PTA leaders for the program you are running.
5. **What support will be offered to Local PTAs who do not have a need-basis for grants?**

     a. Your PTA will receive all the same support from National PTA as other local PTAs. You will still be able to join a cohort for the program you are running and we will have regular touch bases with your cohort.

6. **Where is the rubric posted?**
   a. You can find the rubric [here](#) and on the [OpenWater](#) homepage.

7. **If we have attended this training, do we need to attend the training on 9/23?**
   a. Unless you have additional questions or would like a refresher on the information we went over, there is no need to attend the second training!

8. **Is there an example of a school-wide survey on family mental health for the Healthy Minds program?**
   a. We will be providing a standard survey on the [Healthy Lifestyles page](#) within the upcoming weeks. We will be working with you to customize this survey to fit your community's mental health needs.