Applications are now open for the Connecticut State Department of Education Educators Rising Mini Grant program for school districts to start or expand the Connecticut Educators Rising Program in middle and high schools for the 2024-2025 academic year. Districts are eligible to apply for up to $10,000 per school to start a Connecticut Educators Rising program or up to $5,000 per school to expand an existing program.

The deadline to complete the application below and submit it to [SDE.CTedrising@ct.gov](mailto:SDE.CTedrising@ct.gov) is April 15, 2024.

Decisions on all applications will be made within two weeks of receipt. Grant **recipients will be invited to participate in an onboarding meeting to explain the program.**

**Educators Rising** is a “Grown Your Own” partnership between local school districts and CSDE to encourage middle and high school students to consider careers in education. The programs feed teacher preparation programs at higher education institutions and help to increase t**eacher diversity** and teacher quality. CSDE and PDK International provide curriculum and support for teacher leaders.

**New Educators Rising Programs**

School districts may apply for grants of up to $10,000 for each middle or high school where a “Grow Your Own” program will be offered. Funding is available for teacher leader stipends, Educators Rising Curriculum (provided to districts by PDK International), transportation for college tours and statewide and national conferences, and other costs/supplies to start the program. This grant is available only to school districts who do not currently have an Educators Rising Program.

(For example, a school district that would like to start a middle school and a high school program may apply for $10,000 for each program or a total of $20,000)

**Expansion of existing Educators Rising Programs**

School districts may apply for grants of up to $5,000 for each school to expand existing Educators Rising Programs in middle or high school locations or to add additional programs for males of color or English Language Learners. Funding is available for teacher leader stipends, Educators Rising Curriculum (provided to districts by PDK International), transportation for college tours and statewide and national conferences, and other costs/supplies to start the program.

(For example, a school district that would like to expand to a second middle school or a second high school may apply for $5,000 for each program or a total of $10,000. A district who wants to add a males of color program may apply for $5,000.)

Expansion grants include:

1. Expanding an existing program to another middle or high school in the district.

2. Adding a program for males of color students which includes a mentoring component and other resources encouraging males to pursue education.

3. Adding a program focused on English Language Learns students interested in pursuing a career in education.

(For example: a school district that has a current Educators Rising program, may apply for $5,000 to add a males of color program and $5,000 to expand to another school).

**Educators Rising 2024-2025 Mini Grant Application**

**Name of School District:**

**Name of Contact Person Applying for the Mini Grant**

**Title**

**Email**

**Phone number**

**Please check the box for the mini grant program you are applying for and indicate the total amount requested:**

* **New Program**
  + **Middle School(s)**
  + **High School(s)**

**Total Amount Requested:**

* **Expansion Program** 
  + **Expansion to middle school(s)**
  + **Expansion to high school(s)**
  + **Expansion of males of color program**
  + **Expansion of English language learners’ program**

**Total Amount Requested:**

**Mini Grant Application for a New Educators Rising Program**

**Please complete the information below including the name and address for the school or schools where you plan to start the Connecticut Educators Rising Program. You may request up to $10,000 per location.**

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School Address

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What are the grade levels of the students you are including in the Educators Rising Program?

*Please complete a line-item budge below:*

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*Name of Teacher Leader (Stipends are available up to $1,500 maximum)*

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*Curriculum ($3,500)*

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*Transportation/Conferences/College Tours (up to $2,500) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Student Educators Rising gear/materials (up to $2,500) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Other (please specify)*

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**Mini Grant Application for Expansion of Educators Rising**

**Please complete the information below including the name and address for the school or schools where you plan to expand the Connecticut Educators Rising Program. You may request up to $5,000 per location.**

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School Address

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What are the grade levels of the students you are including in the Educators Rising Program?

*Teacher Leader stipends (up to $1,500 maximum):*

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*Student Educators Rising gear/materials (up to $1,500):*

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*Transportation/Conferences/College Tours (up to $2,000):*

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**Required Signatures for the Educators Rising Mini Grant Application:**

**Signature of Teacher Leader for the Educators Rising Program \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Signature of School Principal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Email Contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature of Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Email Contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please provide the name and email address for the fiscal officer who will administer the Educators Rising mini grant:**

**Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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***Thank you! We look forward to working with you.***