

2025-2026 PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR EDUCATION TEACHER GRANT AWARDS

1. PEND OREILLE WATER FESTIVAL

District Wide

Abby Leisy

\$1,600

This grant supports hands-on watershed education for 5th grade students, combining in-class lessons with an outdoor field trip to promote environmental awareness.

2. HEALTHY HAWKS

Sagle Elementary

Christine Davis

\$473

PAFE will support weekly extracurricular team-building and sports activities that build physical, emotional, and social skills.

3. STEMAGINATION LEARN AND PLAY!

Farmin/Stidwell Elementary

Nicole Huguenin

\$449

These funds will provide STEM toys for K–2 learners with disabilities, enriching the educational experience with skill development, creativity, and problem-solving.

4. BUSTER SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROGRAM

District Wide

James Koehler

\$1,780

This funding assists in the maintenance of Buster the Bus, a fully animated robot, and provides educational materials for elementary students as they learn the basics of bus safety.

5. WORDS MATTER: ENRICHING AP LANGUAGE WITH ESSENTIAL NON-FICTION

Sandpoint High School

Meagan Hofmeister

\$1,159

This grant funds field trips that deepen students' understanding of nonfiction literature through real-world learning experiences.

6. LITERATURE CIRCLE BOOK SET

Southside Elementary

Kristine Clopp

\$501

PAFE will purchase book sets for 3rd – 6th grade students to support collaborative reading and group discussion activities.

7. EMPOWERING STEM EDUCATION

Southside Elementary

Lynette Leonard

\$2,500

This grant supplies iPads to expand learning in robotics, coding, data collection, and animation.

8. OVATIONS PERFORMING ARTS EDUCATION

District Wide

Amy Stephensen

\$2,500

This funding assists in bringing in professional performers to teach workshops, enriching performing arts education across the district in partnership with POAC.

9. KALEIDOSCOPE ART PROGRAM

District Wide

Amy Stephensen

\$2,500

This grant assists in the delivery of foundational visual arts instruction and creative expression opportunities for grades 3-6, in partnership with POAC.

10. IXL TO SUCCESS

Kootenai Elementary

Trish Butler

\$1,375

PAFE will purchase licenses for 3rd – 6th grade students to receive personalized Language Arts practice through IXL's adaptive online platform.

11. ACADECA EXPLORES THE ROARING 20S

Sandpoint High School

Becky Haag

\$3,100

These funds provide extra study materials for SHS Academic Decathlon students as they research the 1920s and prepare for academic competitions at all levels.

12. INDUSTRY TOURS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Sandpoint High School

Jacki Crossingham

\$2,900

This funding provides for educator field trips to local employers to align teaching with workforce needs.

13. FARMIN/STIDWELL STEM SQUAD

Farmin/Stidwell Elementary

Betsy Dalessio

\$4,500

This grant funds after-school STEM enrichment for hands-on learning in science, engineering, technology, and math.

14. IXL YOUR WRITING GAME

Sandpoint Middle School

Danielle Packard

\$2,750

PAFE will purchase licenses for students to improve their writing and reading through interactive, personalized online IXL lessons with real-time feedback.

15. WOODSHOP BANDSAW

Sandpoint Middle School

Amanda Johnson

\$2,085

This funding allows for the purchase of a second bandsaw to give more students hands-on experience in safety protocols and creating personal woodworking projects.

16. PROJECT DRUM SET

Sandpoint High School

Aaron Gordon

\$900

This grant funds the purchase of a new drum set for daily use in band and choir.

17. GROWING OUR OWN 2

Farmin/Stidwell, Southside and Kootenai Elementary

Lorraine Gee

\$4,860

These grant funds allow for the employment of high school students as paid tutors, gaining experience in education by assisting elementary students in the after-school programs.

18. JUST-RIGHT BOOKS, A JUST-RIGHT START

Washington Elementary

Michelle McNelley

\$9,349

This funding replaces well-used books with age-level texts to support early literacy in K-2nd grade classrooms.

19. NORTHSIDE ELEMENTARY ARTS INTEGRATION

Northside Elementary

Shantelle Gillis

\$4,744

PAFE will purchase materials and instruction for student art projects that will be displayed in the school and the community.

20. GROWING FINANCIAL LITERACY: EARN, SAVE AND SPEND WISELY!

Farmin/Stidwell Elementary

Nichelle Gau

\$920

This funding will purchase store items for second-grade students to learn about budgeting, saving, and spending using classroom currency.

21. OUTDOOR EXPEDITIONS!

Sandpoint Middle School

Amanda Balera

\$2,460

This grant provides hands-on outdoor field trips to connect students with nature and foster environmental awareness.

22. MONTICOLA SUPPLY REFRESH

Sandpoint High School

Allison Sletager

\$2,456

This grant funds the purchase of updated photography equipment to improve quality and creativity in the SHS yearbook.

23. EXPANDING THE ARTS

Sandpoint High School

Zabrielle Dillon

\$2,431

PAFE will fund the materials needed to introduce wood carving into the art program, enhancing student creativity and craftsmanship.

24. DIGITAL ART: ENHANCING CREATIVITY WITH IPADS AND PROCREATE

Clark Fork Jr/Sr High School

Amy Stephensen

\$2,500

PAFE will provide iPads and Procreate software for students to explore digital design, animation, and graphic art techniques.

25. EGG-CELLENT READERS

Kootenai Elementary

Krystal Travers

\$1,600

This grant funds an online reading program that builds foundational K-2nd grade reading skills.

26. FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

Forrest Bird Charter School

Holland Walker

\$1,212

PAFE will fund the purchase of cameras to help students build photography skills so they can document school life creatively.

27. BOW AND BEYOND

Farmin/Stidwell Elementary

Timothy Kerrigan

\$2,684

These funds introduce archery to PE, Outdoor Ed, and therapy classes to build coordination, confidence, and focus.

28. STEM GOES OUTDOORS AT SOLE

District Wide

Jennifer Smith

\$8,000

This grant contributes to the funding of a 3-day outdoor program teaching 5th grade students about local watershed ecology through experiential learning in partnership with SOLE.

29. ENHANCED WELL BEING

Clark Fork Jr/Sr High School

Dawn Schatz

\$360

PAFE will provide fabric covers to fluorescent lights to reduce student stress and create a calmer library space.

30. HAPPY NUMBERS

Northside Elementary

Jennifer Majors

\$1,573

This grant funds an adaptive online program that provides personalized, step-by-step math instruction.

31. PAWSITIVE SPACE

Farmin/Stidwell Elementary

Heather Henry

\$380

This funding provides the materials to create a calm area with tools and resources to support student self-regulation and emotional wellness.

32. X-TRA AMAZING LEARNERS!

Southside Elementary

Tracey Karst

\$825

PAFE will purchase the licenses for this digital platform allowing for 2nd-5th grade students to strengthen Language Arts skills through interactive learning.

33. SAGLE SOAR'S WITH READING

Sagle Elementary

Ashley Delucchi

\$5,000

This grant provides free take-home books as rewards, promoting reading and supporting positive behavior in all students.

34. MUSIC PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT

Washington, Southside, Farmin/Stidwell & Kootenai Elementary

Sigrid Ribeiro

\$9,084

PAFE will purchase a portable PA system and risers to be shared between four elementary schools to improve music classes and performances.

35. NESSY READING AND SPELLING

Northside Elementary

Jennifer Majors

\$2,730

This grant funds the purchase of an individualized, online reading and spelling program that tailors the instruction to each student's needs.

36. CREATING A CALM, JOYFUL AND FLEXIBLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Southside Elementary

Ana Palanuik

\$2,500

This funding will create a sensory-friendly learning space with flexible seating and calming tools for students with exceptionalities.

37. DRAMA ALIVE 2.0!

Home School Academy

Alissa McGonigal

\$2,304

PAFE will fund props, costumes, and a theater field trip to enhance the homeschool student drama program.

38. HEAR YE, HEAR YE: AMPLIFYING LEARNING LOUD AND CLEAR!

Hope Elementary

Kere Delahanty

\$3,769

This grant provides a classroom audio system to ensure all students hear clearly, improving engagement and accessibility.

39. CARDIO MACHINES

Clark Fork Jr/Sr High School

Keith Delahanty

\$7,988

This funding enables the purchase of a treadmill and stationary bikes to support student fitness and physical health.

40. KINDLE EBOOK READERS

Forrest Bird Charter School

Mikell Zimmerman

\$2,400

This grant provides Kindle devices to improve reading engagement, digital literacy, and academic performance.

41. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TO NHSMUN TO NYC

Sandpoint High School

Conor Baranski

\$2,500

This grant contributes to the support of SHS students attending a top Model UN conference, where they simulate global problem-solving.

42. STOP THE BLEED KITS FOR CLASSROOMS

District Wide

Kristina Gavin

\$1,933

PAFE will provide emergency bleeding control kits for every classroom to improve school safety preparedness.