



FOUNDATION
FOR ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



2026-27 Phoenix Foundation Morning Glow Music, Theater, Dance Impact Grant

Application Fact Sheet

The Phoenix Foundation Morning Glow Music, Theater, Dance Impact Grant program, funded by Phoenix Foundation of Central Florida and School District Education Foundation Matching funds, will be awarded for the purchase of nonconsumable supplies, materials, equipment and/or equipment repair. Funding priority will be given to projects that provide sustained, high-impact program improvements for students studying music, theater, or dance.

Eligibility

- Pre-K - 12th grade music, theater, and dance teachers in traditional Orange County Public Schools may request up to \$15,000 for performing arts enrichment projects. (Charter schools are ineligible.)
- Proposed purchases and implementation must take place within the 2026-27 grant year

Allowable Expenses

Phoenix Foundation Morning Glow grants are intended to make a **lasting** impact on performing arts programs by funding long-term use items such as:

- Lighting equipment
- Sound equipment
- Staging equipment (risers, set pieces, flooring)
- Instruments
- Furniture (chairs, stands, storage)

Grant Will NOT Cover

- Honoraria, salaries, stipends or substitute teachers
- Awards, incentives, t-shirts or food
- Field trips or transportation
- One-time-use purchases like stage makeup or production rights

Application Requirements

- All applications must be approved by the school principal.
- **Applications must be submitted directly to the Phoenix Foundation website, which you can access [HERE](#).**

Procurement Considerations

- All **computer** equipment and **software** purchases must be pre-approved by OCPS Information Technology Services (ITS) before submission.
- All spend activity must follow OCPS procurement guidelines.
- **Pro tip: contact your district program specialist and/or bookkeeper for procurement help and/or vendor recommendations.**

Application Timeline

Application Opens:	August 3, 2026
Application Closes:	September 6, 2026
Application Review:	Sept 7-Sept 25, 2026
Award Notification:	Sept 28- Oct 6, 2026
Mid-point Reporting Sent:	Nov 30- Dec 18, 2026
Unspent Funds Returned:	May 28, 2027
Final Evaluation Due:	May 28, 2027

Evaluation:

Each application will be reviewed, evaluated, and scored by the Phoenix Foundation of Central Florida team. PFCF reviewers are not career educators and may not be familiar with educational terminology. Make sure to write clearly and concisely.

Distribution:

Award funds will be sent via check to the school address to be deposited into the school's internal account. If purchases must be made through external vendors, bookkeepers may cut a check for that amount and send it directly to the OCPS Finance department to be deposited in the school's external account. Unspent funds over \$25 must be returned via check payable to Foundation for Orange County Public Schools.

Grantee Responsibility:

- Sign the Phoenix Foundation Morning Glow contract at award presentation.
- Submit the expense summary and proofs of purchase by December 18, 2026. You must submit all reports by this date to be eligible for Spring 2027 funding opportunities.
- Unspent funds must be returned to Foundation for OCPS no later than January 15, 2027.
- Submit the Final Evaluation Report and summary presentation by May 28, 2027.

Terms and Conditions:

- Recipients allow their likeness, names, and pictures to be used in future Phoenix Morning Glow Foundation promotional literature and social media.
- Applications not uploaded on or before the deadline will not be considered.
- Recipients will be disqualified from further disbursements if any fraudulent information was submitted on their behalf.
- Decisions made by the Selection committee are final and may not be appealed.
- Any funds not used for the specific grant request will be reviewed under the Foundation committee and may need to be returned.
- Proper documentation regarding funds received must be submitted by 12/18/26 or funds may need to be returned. Submit copies of packing slips and/or receipts to carla@phoenixfoundationcfl.org