



OHIO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

## **OEA Affiliate Grant Program Guidelines**

*(Note: AFFILIATE GRANTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO OEA DISTRICTS)*

1. **One Year Special Project Grant** – awards up to \$2400 for locals with 800 members or less – or, \$3 per member up to a \$5000 maximum for locals with over 800 members
2. **Two Year Special Project Grant** – awards up to \$2400 for locals with 800 members or less – or, \$3 per member up to a \$5000 maximum for locals with over 800 members
3. **Two Year Effective Locals Grant** – awards shall not exceed 45% of the state average teacher's salary as defined in OEA Bylaws.
4. **NEA Release Time Grant** – awards and application guidelines are determined by NEA

## **General Grant Rules and Requirements**

- Application must include a statement of purpose that is tied to the stated Mission, Vision, and Strategic Goals of the OEA.
- Must have Delegate representation at District and OEA Representative Assemblies as described in each grant category.
- A successful drive for The OEA Fund must be conducted annually. Success is defined as matching at least state level of members participating for the first year (11% - 12%) and demonstrates sustained contributions and works towards continuous improvement.
- Strong financial practices are confirmed in local policy and actually practiced; i.e. bills paid timely, dues remitted timely, fiduciary responsibilities fulfilled.
- Dues for locals involved must generate at least a matching amount of any grant.
- Commitment to meet the conditions of the grant is made by the affiliate's governing body.
- Total grant amounts are subject to the OEA budget amounts to be determined on a biennial basis.
- Locals under individual service agreements are not eligible for affiliate grant money.
- The process for paying grant funds shall include procedures for ensuring accountability, including adequate internal controls, accurate bookkeeping, and verification of expenses.

**These requirements may be waived by the Affiliate Grant Oversight Committee for reasons consistent with OEA's Mission, Vision, and goals.**