

Innovation Funding Initiative

Investing in bold ideas.
Creating lasting impacts.



As part of OCDE's 5-3-1 Strategic Plan, the Innovation Funding Initiative will provide funding and support for bold new ideas designed to address unmet needs in education. Projects may introduce entirely new strategies or apply existing approaches in novel ways. The goal is to improve efficiency, strengthen student outcomes, and inspire scalable solutions that can be replicated across Orange County's schools.



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THE FIRST ROUND OF FUNDING

- Up to \$525,000 per award for a three-year project
- 5 to 6 districts will be funded
- Application release: Dec. 3, 2025
- Application deadline: Jan. 30, 2026
- Project period: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029

WHO CAN APPLY

Eligible applicants include Orange County school districts or a consortium of districts.

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