

The Assembly Grant Program Rules

Background and Introduction

The Assembly Grant Program will provide grants of up to \$100,000 to organizations to design or develop new solutions to help families furthest from opportunity access flexible, personalized learning options. Select grantees will be invited to apply for a second round of up to \$300,000 to support implementation in early 2024.

Please read these rules carefully before applying to the grant program. Your application is an acknowledgment that you accept these rules and will comply with them.

Submission Requirements

Full eligibility requirements are included in the [Call for Applications](#) and in the [Grant Program Brief](#). For a submission to be eligible for review, recognition, and award, an applicant must:

- Have the legal authority to submit the application on behalf of the lead organization.
- Comply with all rules.
- Consent to the use of their name, affiliation, city and state, likeness or image, comments, and a synopsis or abstract of their submission as part of the promotion of the grant program.
- In English, fill in all mandatory fields and answer all questions in the application form.
- Submit applications by August 22, 2023.

Intellectual Property Rights and Dissemination of Grant-Funded Work

Bellwether does not seek ownership of any solution submitted as part of the grant program. Applicants must ensure that grant-funded work does not infringe on or violate the intellectual property rights of any other entity. We encourage the dissemination of grant-funded work to maximize the impact of both the grant program and grantees' solutions. If awarded grant funds, applicants should plan to share the outputs or outcomes of their work for educational or charitable purposes.

Participation in the Grant Program and Public Relations

If selected as a grantee, applicants must:

- Grant Bellwether permission to reproduce, publish, link, display, or otherwise share information about them or their submissions. Applicants are responsible for clearly identifying any confidential commercial information contained in a submission that they wish to protect as proprietary.
- Obtain written consent from Bellwether before issuing any press releases about the grant program.

- Share requested information about their company and the outputs or outcomes of their work with Bellwether (except for confidential information protected as proprietary).

Conflicts of Interest

Applicants must identify and notify Bellwether of any actual, apparent, and perceived conflicts of interest related to their applications or their participation in the grant program. Applicants who fail to notify Bellwether or are unable or unwilling to resolve conflicts as required may be excluded from further consideration.

Bellwether's Rights

We reserve the right, at any time and for any reason, to:

- Suspend, vary, amend, or cease to proceed with the selection process or the grant program.
- Amend the application form or selection criteria.
- Allow an applicant to change an application.
- Accept or reject any application that is nonconforming, incomplete, or received after the deadline.
- Terminate an applicant's involvement in the grant program at our sole discretion if:
 - the applicant breaches these rules; or
 - the applicant's employees, advisors, or partners engage in inappropriate or illegal behavior or are disruptive to the grant program.
- Change or extend any time or date relevant to the selection process or the grant program.
- Call for new applications.
- Fund or arrange funding for applications through partnerships with other grant-making organizations.