Affordable Materials Grants, Round 25:

Transformation Grants

(Spring 2024-Spring 2025)

Proposal Form and Narrative

# Notes

* The proposal form and narrative .docx file is for offline drafting and for our review processes. Submitters must use the online Google Form for proposal submission, including uploading this document.
* The only way to submit the official proposal is through the Google Form. The link to the online application is on the [Apply for a Grant Page](https://www.affordablelearninggeorgia.org/grants/apply-for-a-grant).
* The italic text provided below is meant for clarifications and can be deleted.

The Round 25 Kickoff will include an asynchronous training module, required for all team members to complete, followed by the synchronous Online Kickoff Meeting on **Friday, May 3, 2024 from 1pm-3pm**. At least two team members from each awarded team (unless the award is for one individual) are required to attend the synchronous Kickoff Meeting.

Participants will also need to attend a synchronous Online Midpoint Check-In on **Friday, January 10, 2025.**

# Applicant and Team Information

*The* ***applicant*** *is the proposed Project Lead for the grant project. The* ***submitter*** *is the person submitting the application (which may be a Grants Officer or Administrator). The submitter will often be the applicant—if so, just list leave the submitter blank.*

| Requested information | Answer |
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| Institution(s) |  |
| Applicant name |  |
| Applicant email  |  |
| Applicant position/title |  |
| Submitter name  |  |
| Submitter email  |  |
| Submitter position/title |  |

Please provide the first/last names and email addresses of all team members within the proposed project. Include the applicant (Project Lead) in this list. Do not include prefixes or suffixes such as Ms., Dr., Ph.D., etc.

| Team member | Name | Email address |
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| Team member 1 |  |  |
| Team member 2 |  |  |
| Team member 3 |  |  |
| Team member 4 |  |  |
| Team member 5 |  |  |
| Team member 6 |  |  |

If you have any more team members to add, please enter their names and email addresses in the text box below.

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# Project Information

| Requested information | Answer |
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| Priority Category / Categories*Projects in these categories will receive three extra points in the final score for fitting a priority of these particular rounds of Transformation Grants. The type of funding for the project is determined by the funding categories criteria above. As of Round 18, projects can be a part of more than one category. Note that the below categories only indicate priority, not which applications qualify for a grant. Select all that apply.* | *Priority categories:* * *Collaborative Projects with Professional Support*
* *Student Participation in Materials Evaluation and/or Development*
* *Departmental Scaling Projects*
* *Upper-Level Campus Collaborations*

*Otherwise, put “None.”* *Please note: Departmental Scaling Projects applications require the department to commit to implement the resources for at least the Final Semester of the project.*  |
| Requested Total Amount of Funding*$30,000 maximum total award per grant* |  |
| Final Semester of Project | *All Transformation Grants for Round 25 end in Spring 2025.*  |
| Using OpenStax Textbook?*This is to indicate to OpenStax that they can provide additional support and resources to your team during the adoption process.* | *Yes/No* |

# Impact Data

Please fill in the data below with impact data in below with one course (all sections) in each table, and only include courses and instructors that are specifically part of the scope of this grant proposal. Add or remove tables as needed. **Please only put a single averaged or totaled (as appropriate) number in each box. Do not put ranges or mathematical equations in any of these boxes.** If the materials used by different instructors in a course vary drastically, it is possible to enter one course per instructor.

For a multi-course project, if a significant amount of students are assumed to take courses in a sequence and only one textbook is used for these courses, please take this into account in your total *(i.e. only include that book in the first course they would purchase it for OR adjust the number of students affected. Please explain in the notes section if making such adjustments).*

## Course 1

| Row # | Requested information | Answer |
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| N/A | Course title and number |  |
| N/A | Course instructors |  |
| 1 | Average number of students enrolled in the affected course per year |  |
| 2 | Average number of affected enrollments in a summer semester |  |
| 3 | Average number of affected enrollments in a fall semester |  |
| 4 | Average number of affected enrollments in a spring semester |  |
| 5 | Original required commercial materials*Include each title, author, price for a new copy purchased from either your campus bookstore, the publisher, or Amazon, and a URL to the book showing the price.* |  |
| 6 | Original cost per student section enrollment*Add up the cost of all required materials in row 5.* |  |
| 7 | Average post-project cost per student section enrollment |  |
| 8 | Average post-project savings per student section enrollment*Subtract row 7 from row 6.* |  |
| 9 | Projected total annual student savings per academic year*Multiply row 1 and row 8.* |  |

## Course 2

| Row # | Requested information | Answer |
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| N/A | Course title and number |  |
| N/A | Course instructors |  |
| 1 | Average number of students enrolled in the affected course per year |  |
| 2 | Average number of affected enrollments in a summer semester |  |
| 3 | Average number of affected enrollments in a fall semester |  |
| 4 | Average number of affected enrollments in a spring semester |  |
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| 8 | Average post-project savings per student section enrollment*Subtract row 7 from row 6.* |  |
| 9 | Projected total annual student savings per academic year*Multiply row 1 and row 8.* |  |

## Course 3

| Row # | Requested information | Answer |
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| N/A | Course title and number |  |
| N/A | Course instructors |  |
| 1 | Average number of students enrolled in the affected course per year |  |
| 2 | Average number of affected enrollments in a summer semester |  |
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| 8 | Average post-project savings per student section enrollment*Subtract row 7 from row 6.* |  |
| 9 | Projected total annual student savings per academic year*Multiply row 1 and row 8.* |  |

## Course 4

| Row # | Requested information | Answer |
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| N/A | Course title and number |  |
| N/A | Course instructors |  |
| 1 | Average number of students enrolled in the affected course per year |  |
| 2 | Average number of affected enrollments in a summer semester |  |
| 3 | Average number of affected enrollments in a fall semester |  |
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If you have more courses to add, copy the table as many times as needed to complete all courses on the grant.

# Narrative Section

## 1. Project Goals

*Goals for a Transformation Grant project go beyond just cost savings. Include goals for student savings, student success, materials creation, and pedagogical transformation here.*

## 2. Statement of Transformation

*Transformation Grants are awarded to teams focused on creating impactful changes. This section allows teams to describe why the project should be awarded. Include the following:*

* *A description of the current state of the course, department, and/or institution if relevant.*
* *An overall description of the project and how it will impact the course, department, and institution as described previously. Include references to scholarly literature to support the claims of your impact if possible.*

## 3. Action Plan

*Transformation Grant projects are work-intensive and require project management in order to be successful. This section allows teams to describe how the team will fulfill the goals of the project. This section must include:*

* *The role(s) of each team member in the project with details as to the major tasks team members will complete, with an estimate of how long each task will take (e.g. number of hours).*
* *A review of existing open, no-cost, and/or low-cost course materials for the course(s).*
* *The plan for the selection, adoption, adaptation, and/or creation of new course materials (if applicable). Include plans for open licensing and plans for making your materials accessible.*
* *The plan for redesigning your course(s), including any instructional design work, curriculum alignment, course accessibility changes, etc.*
* *The plan for providing open access to the new materials. Affordable Learning Georgia will host any newly created materials in our repository; please indicate if you are using other platforms in addition to the repository to host them.*

## 4. Quantitative and Qualitative Measures

*All Transformation Grant projects must measure student satisfaction, student performance, and course-level retention (drop/fail/withdraw rates), but teams and institutions will do this in varied ways. Outstanding applications will include measures beyond the minimum to gain meaningful insights into the impact of the project. Include the following:*

* *Each quantitative or qualitative measure to be used, along with a description of the methods and/or tools used to gather and analyze data.*
* *If the team needs IRB (Institutional Review Board) approval, please indicate this here. Each institution’s IRB functions differently, and teams will need to know how their institution’s IRB evaluates and approves of institutional research.*

## 5. Timeline

*This section allows teams to describe how the project will progress from its inception to the Final Report. Please provide a list of major milestones, events, and deadlines, aligned with your Action Plan and the final semester of your project. Include the submission of your Final Report in this list.*

## 6. Budget

*Please enter your project’s budget below. Include personnel and projected expenses, keeping in mind that this funds the estimated time in your Action Plan. The maximum amounts for the award are as follows:*

* *$5,000 maximum per team member for salary, course release, travel, etc.*
* *Additional project expenses allowed, but must be adequately justified in this section*
* *$30,000 maximum total award per grant*

## 7. Sustainability Plan

*Transformation Grants should have a lasting impact on the course for years to come. In order for this to happen, a Sustainability Plan needs to be in place after the end of the project. Please include here your plans for offering the course in the future, including:*

* *The maintenance and updating of course materials*
* *The commitment of the department(s) or institution(s) to continue the use of affordable materials*
* *Any possible expansion of the project to more course sections in the future*
* *Future plans for sharing this work with others through presentations, articles, or other scholarly activities*

# Creative Commons Terms

*I understand that any new materials or revisions created with ALG funding will, by default, be made available to the public under a Creative Commons Attribution License (CC-BY), with exceptions for modifications of pre-existing resources with a more restrictive license.*

# Accessibility Terms

*I understand that any new materials or revisions created with Affordable Learning Georgia funding must be developed in compliance with the specific accessibility standards defined in the Request for Proposals.*

# Letter of Support

*The Department Chair from the corresponding project, or the Department Chair’s direct report such as the Dean or Provost, must provide a signed Letter of Support for the project. This letter should acknowledge the following:*

* *The department will provide support for fund disbursement in correspondence with the Grants/Business Office.*
* *The department approves of the work on the proposal by the applicant(s).*
* *The department acknowledges the sustainability of the use of these affordable resources after the grant work is complete.*

*In the case of multi-institutional affiliations, all participants’ institutions must provide a letter of support.*

*Please provide the name and title of the department chair (or other administrator) who provided you with the Letter of Support.*

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# Grants or Business Office Acknowledgment Form

*Institutional Grants/Business Offices will be responsible for fund disbursement, often in correspondence with the Department Chair, including expense and travel reimbursement. All applicants will need to provide a signed Acknowledgement Form, the template for which is linked on the RFP page, stating that the Grants/Business Office knows about the applicant’s intent to apply for an Affordable Materials Grant. Either the Department Chair or the Project Lead can work with the Grants/Business Office to get this signed form.*

*In the case of multi-institutional affiliations, all participants’ institutions must provide this form.*

*Please provide the name and title of the grants or business office representative who provided you with the acknowledgement form.*

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