

Montana Board of Public Education Executive Summary

Date: March 18, 2024

Presentation	Grass Range MT Advanced Opportunities Annual Report
Presenter(s)	Krystal Smith
Position Title	Education Innovation Manager of Office of Public Instruction
Overview	The MT Advanced Opportunities annual report window closed on Monday, January 8 th at 5pm. At that time, the Grass Range annual report was not received. It has since been successfully submitted and needs to be qualified by the Board of Public Education for Grass Range to be funded in FY2025 for the MT Advanced Opportunities grant.
Requested Decision(s)	Action Item
Related Issue(s)	N/A
Recommendation(s)	Approve Grass Range's annual report





Montana Advanced Opportunities Grant Annual Report 2023

As a participating school district that has received funding through the Montana Advanced Opportunities Grant (HB 257) the completion and submission of this annual report is required to demonstrate continued qualification for funding. The completed document is submitted on the [OPI MT Advanced Opportunities Webpage](#).

The window for submission of this annual report opens Monday, December 4, 2023 at 8am MST. The annual report is due by Monday, January 8, 2024 at 5pm MST.

SECTION 1: General Information

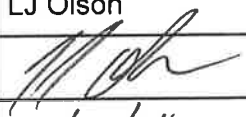
District Name	Grass Range Schools
LEA #	0268 and 0269
Submitter's Full Name	Tim Majerus
Email	tmajerus@grps.k12.mt.us
Contact Phone Number	406-428-2341
Amount of Funding Received	0268 = \$830.37 0269 = \$2601.03
FY 2024 Expenditures to Date	0268 = \$0 0269 = \$530
Current Balance	0268 = \$1425.14 0269 = \$2601.03

SECTION 2: Progress Toward Measurable Objective

Measurable Objective from District's Advanced Opportunity Plan	Increase the academic opportunities for high school students by assisting with online/distance delivery courses. With only one section of each class we are limited in our opportunities within our schedule to have a student make up credit. MTDA is our only option.
Progress made	We have been able to increase the use of MDTA for credit recovery.
Measurable Objective from District's Advanced Opportunity Plan	Work-based learning program - With limited CTE courses available in our small school the use of work based learning is a solution for students with a strong interest in CTE occupations. Funds will be available to defer some of the additional cost to the students
Progress made	We have a student who works with a business the last period of the day and until closing hours. This program has led into a job beyond the school hours. MTAO funds were used to help defer the cost of required safety equipment needed for his work.
Measurable Objective from District's Advanced Opportunity Plan	Reduce the cost of CTE courses for students and parents.
Progress made	We have two opportunities in which MTAO funds will help reduce fees. First, each year students are charged a \$10 fee to participate in our FFA program. Secondly is to offset the student cost of special presenters to train students in a particular skill. This year we've already had a metal art project and in February a second presenter will come for a leatherworking project. There is a fee for both projects as students create individual projects.
Measurable Objective from District's Advanced Opportunity Plan	Reinstate a Drivers' Education program – We are currently working with the Lewistown School District to join their spring/summer program. Funds will be utilized to defer the additional cost to our students for the instructor come work with just our students for the driving portion of the course.
Progress made	This will begin in May.

SECTION 3: Additional Information

<p>Identify each Opportunity Afforded to a Student (template linked)</p>	<p>Career exploratory trainings. Online courses for credit recovery Online courses for career related trainings Additional cost of drivers' education course due to our location Fees for membership in FFA</p>
<p>Summary of Projected Growth in the Program</p>	<p>It's my goal as the new superintendent to identify and provide opportunities for individual pathways by increasing workplace experiences. Because of our rural location, the most feasible option to exposing students to bring training sessions to our school. It's also my goal to expand career related online courses that help lead students to certifications. This includes a return to the EMT course through Central Montana Medical Center and Fergus High School.</p>
<p>Funding Needs for Next Biennium</p>	<p>It's my goal to expand to the point that we go beyond the MTOA funding and will need to seek further resources.</p>
<p>Issues Reported by Stakeholders and How Issues are being Addressed</p>	<p>The greatest issues are due to our rural location and the limited variety of courses due to a small teaching staff. Another limitation is the lack of a variety of businesses in our community for work experiences. The solution is to bring trainings to the students and to access online resources. If we gained anything from the COVID experience is the increased quality and accessibility of online instruction.</p>
<p>Pictures, Graphs, and/or Narratives Sharing the Impact of Advanced Opportunities Funds on Students</p>	

<p>School Board Chair Printed Name</p>	<p>LJ Olson</p>
<p>School Board Chair Signature</p>	
<p>Date of Signature</p>	<p>11/23/24</p>