

# Northwest Regional ESD FOUNDATION

Supporting Special Education

Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, & Washington Counties, OR

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### Local Foundation awards 19 grants benefitting students with special needs in Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, and Washington county school districts

The Northwest Regional Education Service District Foundation, under the direction of President Dr. Joseph Christy, awarded \$21,970 in grants to local school districts for projects in special education and at-risk programs. The grants support the Foundation's mission of enhancing teaching and learning for underserved children and those with disabilities, birth to age 21.

Since 2006, the foundation has awarded 413 grants totaling \$347,725, making a difference in the lives of 47,161 young children and students. The grants are focused on four funding priorities:

1. Birth to 5 Special Education
2. Early Learning/Kindergarten Readiness
3. School-age Special including alternative, at-risk, and behavioral programs through age 21
4. English Language Learners and Migrant Education

## FULL LIST OF AWARD

<b>Sensory Materials to Create a Calm Room at Astor Elementary</b> Clatsop County - Astor Elementary	<b>Awarded: \$422</b> Linda Von Laven
<b>Science Text Books for Middle School English Language Learners, Students With Learning Disabilities, and Students Reading Below Grade Level</b> Clatsop County - Astoria Middle School	<b>Awarded: \$846</b> Rebecca Beddingfield
<b>Parent Training Series for Families with Students with Autism</b> Columbia County - NWRESD Autism Services	<b>Awarded: \$256</b> Laura Anderson
<b>Trial Equipment Resource Library for School Age Students with Special Needs</b> Columbia County - NWRESD Motor Team	<b>Awarded: \$1,200</b> Laura Minthorne-Brown
<b>Materials for a Special Education Resource Library</b> Columbia County- Vernonia School District	<b>Awarded: \$710</b> Gienah Cheney
<b>Software for Students With Moderate to Severe Cognitive Delay, Vision Impairment, Autism Spectrum Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury</b> Tillamook County - Nestucca Valley School District	<b>Awarded: \$1,200</b> Dia Norris

<b>Drums And Percussion Equipment For Inclusive Music Classes</b> Tillamook County - Nestucca Valley Elementary	<b>Awarded: \$2,137</b> Bobbie Stirling
<b>Enhance Special Education Preschool Classroom with Up-to-Date Materials to Encourage Meaningful Play and Language Development</b> Tillamook County - NWRESD Early Childhood Special Ed	<b>Awarded: \$1,000</b> Kimberly Turnbow
<b>Teaching Life Skills to High School Students with Special Needs through the Love of Cooking</b> Tillamook County - Tillamook High School	<b>Awarded: \$950</b> Cynthia Tuel
<b>Support for Students in a Life Skills Program to Gain Employment Skills</b> Tillamook County - Tillamook Junior High	<b>Awarded: \$216</b> Patrice Rouska
<b>Provider And Parent Supports For Children Experiencing Trauma In Early Childhood</b> Tillamook, Clatsop, and Columbia Counties NW Early Learning Hub and NW Regional Child Care Resource and Referral	<b>Awarded: \$2,000</b> Eva Manderson
<b>Technology to Assess and Monitor the Articulation Needs &amp; Growth of Preschoolers with Special Needs</b> Washington County - NWRESD Beaverton Early Childhood Center	<b>Awarded: \$780</b> Karah Smith
<b>T-Shirts for Beaverton STARS Inclusive Color Guard Needs Team</b> Washington County - Beaverton School District Special Education Services	<b>Awarded: \$468</b> Pat Carley
<b>Supplies for Elective Classes at Alternative, Behavioral School</b> Washington County - Forest Grove Oak Grove Academy	<b>Awarded: \$2,000</b> Jennifer Parrow
<b>Parent Coaching Series For Practicing Communication Therapy Techniques at Home For Children with Communication Disorders</b> Washington County - NWRESD Hillsboro Early Childhood Center	<b>Awarded: \$675</b> Jennifer Coffey
<b>Flexible Seating Options For Preschool Students With Special Needs</b> Washington County - NWRESD Tualatin Early Childhood Center	<b>Awarded: \$850</b> Lauren Lavery
<b>Supplies for Therapy Garden Residential, At-risk Boy's School</b> Washington County - Levi Anderson Learning Center	<b>Awarded: \$2,500</b> Richard Schuler
<b>Horticulture Equipment and Supplies to establish a Farm-To-Table Social/Emotional skills program at Alternative Special Education Middle-High School</b> Washington County - Pacific Academy	<b>Awarded: \$1,200</b> Kristy Friday
<b>Support for Families to Attend "Teaching Social Communication" Workshop Series</b> Washington and Clatsop Counties - NWRESD Early Childhood Special Ed	<b>Awarded: \$2,560</b> Brenda Hancock