

# Federal Grant Application Request

## Department of Education

### Age 3 to Grade 3 Assessment

---

**Analyst:** Doug Wilson

**Request:** Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of up to \$7 million for a four-year Age 3 to Grade 3 Assessment grant.

**Recommendation:** Approve the Request.

**Analysis:** The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is requesting authority to apply for a \$7 million four-year federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The agency is applying for the grant to address two issues:

- Creation of a tablet application for the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment to increase its usefulness to both teachers in the early grades and pre-school teachers. The application will make the results of the assessment immediately available and can be used to measure student progress after the assessment. This means preschool teachers can assess the effectiveness of their programs and make changes where necessary. Elementary teachers can gauge a student's progress in addressing findings of the assessment.
- Evaluation and research of existing pre-K and grades 1 to 3 measures and how they align with the State's education goals. Overall, this will assist in creating an aligned set of standards to connect Pre-K activities with those in the K-12 system.

The deadline for submitting the grant application is June 10, 2015. There are no matching requirements for this grant and no additional staff is required. If awarded, the agency would contract out for the development of the application and the research. The agency will partner with the Oregon Education Investment Board and the Behavioral Research and Teaching center at the University of Oregon for this grant.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of the request.