



Future Proud Michigan Educator Grow Your Own Programs Explore Micro-Grant

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is continuing the Future Proud Michigan Educator (Future PME) initiative with a new micro-grant opportunity. Schools who do not currently have a future teacher opportunity for K-12 students are invited to apply for \$2,500 Explore micro-grants. These grants will fund preparation and recruitment activities that will serve as an initial foundation for Grow Your Own (GYO) programming for students in the district.

Through [Future PME Explore](#), students can build a deeper understanding of teaching and learning through collaboration with their peers, meaningful relationships with educators, and outreach to local colleges and universities. Designed for students in grades 6-12, Future PME Explore programming provides an expanded opportunity to interest young people in education careers and grow a diverse future teacher workforce.

EXPLORE GROW YOUR OWN GOALS

1. Promote positive messaging about local teachers and teaching opportunities
2. Increase the number of students interested in careers as local educators
3. Begin building GYO programming and infrastructure

GRANT TIMELINE

Applications due: March 18, 2022

Spending timeline: February 1, 2022 to August 30, 2022

Reimbursement for incurred expenses: September, 2022

GRANT RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES

Grantees will be awarded up to \$2,500 to support the activities listed below. These funds can be used in conjunction with other Explore program grants.

- Complete [professional learning](#) for potential Explore instructors
- Organize a student visit to a Michigan [educator preparation provider](#)
- Establish a future educators club (i.e. [Educators Rising](#), [YES club](#), [FCCLA](#), etc.)
- Award a planning stipend to a teacher sponsor for the 2022-23 academic year
- Produce local media and marketing materials for a [Future PME Explore](#) program
- Host a [Decision Day](#) celebration for graduating students who plan to become educators

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