

SPARK Equity Awards Instructions

Organization Submissions

1. How To Apply

- Applications will be accepted December 1, 2025 through February 25th, 2026.
- Read all of the grant information and options for resources to be funded.
- Complete the online application form: [2026 SPARK Equity Awards Application Form- Organizations](#)
- Watch the [SPARK Equity Grants Webinar video](#) for additional information and explanation.
- You may only submit 1 application per school/organization.

2. Eligibility

The School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences at San Diego State University is looking to award funding to districts/organizations who serve students/youth in low-income and underserved communities.

Eligible applicants include:

- Public/private school districts.
- Organizations that provide physical activity for youth.
- Organizations who were not awarded a SPARK Equity Award the previous year.

3. Selection Criteria

The goal of the SPARK Equity Grants is to provide resources to support as many students/youth and programs as possible. The committee will evaluate applications based on:

- Needs of the district/organization/students/community.
- Ability to effectively implement the SPARK program.
- Number of students/youth that will be directly impacted.
- The amount of money requested per student served.

4. Available Funding

- The foundation will distribute \$140,000 to awardees, including both individuals and organizations.
- There is not a limit on the amount the organizations can apply for in your application. As a reminder, the goal of the equity awards is to support as many students/youth and programs as possible. Please keep this in mind as you choose the resources that you include in your request for funding as it is a priority to choose multiple deserving organizations.
- Those awarded grant funding will not be receiving a check or money – the award is for the “goods & services”, paid for by the School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences at San Diego State University.

5. Awarding Recipients

- A review team with expertise in SPARK programs, childhood physical activity, and health equity will rate the eligibility, documentation of need, and responses to the application items.
- Winners will be announced by April 6, 2026 on the SPARK website and social media.
- All applicants (funded or not) will be notified by email.
- Award recipients will be asked to complete a short survey after using the SPARK materials and are encouraged to post about their program implementation and successes on social media.

6. SPARK Resource Bundles

- In Section 3 of the SPARK Equity Grants Application Form, you will request the resources you need.
- Below is the list of options for each SPARK program and the value of the resources for each area.
- Use this information to decide what resources you need and how much funding you will apply for.
- You must request curriculum, but equipment and professional development are optional.

SPARK Curriculum Programs		
Program	Resources included with the Curriculum (Set is per Teacher/Provider)	Value
Elementary	K-2/3-6 PE Set 3 (Printed binder, 3-yr digital access, SPARKfolio & K-5 Health Curriculum 3-year digital access)	\$1,196
Middle School	MS PE Set 3 (Printed binder, 3-yr digital access, SPARKfolio & MS Health Curriculum 3-year digital access)	\$598
High School	HS PE Set 3 (Printed binder, 3-yr digital access, SPARKfolio)	\$598
K-8	K-8 PE Set 3 (Printed binder, 3-yr digital access, SPARKfolio & K-8 Health Curriculum 3-year digital access)	\$1,196
After School	AS Set 3 (Printed binder, 3-yr digital access, SPARKfolio & AS Health Curriculum 3-year digital access)	\$598
Early Childhood	EC Set 3 (Printed binder, 3-yr digital access, SPARKfolio & EC Health Curriculum 3-year digital access)	\$598
Active Classroom	AC Set 3 (Printed binder, 3-yr digital access, SPARKfolio & K-5 Health Curriculum 3-year digital access)	\$498

SPARK Equipment Options	
Program	Value
Elementary	\$8,500
Middle School	\$8,500
High School	\$8,500
K-8	\$8,500
After School	\$8,500
Early Childhood	\$2,300
Active Classroom	\$2,300

SPARK Professional Development Options			
Training Program	Starter 3-Hours	Standard 6-Hours	Premium 12-Hours
Elementary	\$3,599	\$4,299	\$7,899
Middle School	\$3,599	\$4,299	\$7,899
High School	\$3,599	\$4,299	\$7,899
K-8	N/A	\$4,299	\$7,899
After School	\$3,599	\$4,299	\$7,899
Early Childhood	\$3,599	\$4,299	\$7,899
Active Classroom	\$3,599	\$4,299	N/A

7. Questions, Information and Support

- For additional questions about the grants, read the [Frequently Asked Questions document](#).
- Watch our [recorded webinar](#) which explains the application process, eligibility & SPARK resources.
- For additional support, contact Jeff Mushkin at jeffmushkin@sparkpe.org or 507-676-8330.