



NEW SHORT-TERM FUNDING OPPORTUNITY



The Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health (OCMH) is proud to present a NEW mini-grant opportunity to Wisconsin middle and high schools to promote belonging and social connection in their schools. Grants are \$1,000.

TO APPLY

- ▶ Send us a maximum 3-minute student-led video* of how you will use \$1,000 to promote belonging, social connections, and positive relationships in your school.
- ▶ Have your student organization's adult advisor submit your application by March 18, 2026, midnight via this electronic [application](#).

MINI-GRANT RULES

- Schools may request \$1,000 to support an activity, event, etc.
- Schools applying must be in Wisconsin and serve middle or high school students.
- Applicants must have a school staff advisor who will serve as the primary point of contact with OCMH, help facilitate the mini-grant award with their school's business office, and maintain email communications with OCMH. Applications must include the advisor's name, role, and email.
- Awarded schools must submit a final report, including a short student-led video*, on their use of the grant money, activities undertaken, and impact by September 25, 2026 and agree to one grant check-in with OCMH.

See back page for application instructions. ▶

THIS GRANT HAS A SHORT TIME FRAME:

MARCH 18, 2026,
11:59pm

Applications due via this [application](#).

MARCH 23, 2026

Mini-grant recipients announced.

MARCH 23 -
SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

Implement grant activities.

APRIL 27 -
MAY 8, 2026

Grant check in (30-minute virtual meeting) with OCMH.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

Final report recapping grant activities due to OCMH.

**FUNDS MUST
BE USED BY
SEPT. 25, 2026**



BUILDING BELONGING AND CONNECTION AT SCHOOL SPRING 2026

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APPLICATION

General information – provide the following in the online application:

1. Middle or high school name and address.
2. School district name.
3. Student organization name, purpose, and how long the group has been in place at the school.
4. Name, title/role, and email of student organization's staff advisor.
5. Written explanation of what the grant request will fund and the goals.
6. Video application link or attachment*.

Video* requirements – include the following in your 3-minute video, your application will be judged on these points:

1. Student/s introduce yourself and your school organization.
2. Tell us why your school needs to focus on belonging, social connections, and building relationships.
3. What you will use the grant funds for and how this will address relationships and belonging in your school.
4. Why your organization is well positioned to accomplish this work.

*Videos can be made via cell phones – we are not expecting high-quality videos. If creating a video for your application will be a challenge, please complete a written application answering the application questions and submit that to ocmh@wisconsin.gov.

IDEAS?



See what prior Building Belonging and Connection at School Mini Grant recipients used their mini grants for [here](#).

QUESTIONS?



Contact the Office of Children's Mental Health at ocmh@wisconsin.gov

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