



Concept2/George Pocock Rowing Foundation ERG ED® Grant 2024 Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions

In 2023, in partnership with Concept2, the George Pocock Rowing Foundation (GPRF) launched a grant to support expanding access to rowing to students throughout the United States. The *ERG ED®: Rowing in the Classroom* curriculum is a nationally recognized and SHAPE aligned Physical Education unit that offers easy implementation and integration for teachers, schools, and administrators to enhance their students' physical education experience.

With this grant program, two new communities in the United States will bring rowing to the classroom in a fun, educational, and captivating way that ties cross-curricular themes and social emotional learning into a phenomenal physical education experience. Designed *by* teachers *for* teachers, it is an easy to implement and effective way to present rowing to students in a classroom environment.

Both Concept2 and the GPRF are committed to increasing access to rowing for all youth and believe that by *Bringing Rowing to the Classroom*, we can change lives.

Each ERG ED® community will receive up to 20 Concept2 RowErgs, the ERG ED® curriculum, and teacher training for their school district. In addition to that, ERG ED® cities have the benefit of being connected to the GPRF community through our Community Network which includes access to ERG ED® specific support and coaching education opportunities.

Each city is required to commit to sustain ERG ED® in their communities for a minimum of 5 years and have a signed letter of support from the school district.

More information will be provided if your grant application is approved.

On March 1st at 3 PM PDT, GPRF will host a [webinar](#) to review the application and answer any questions you may have. Please email our Director of Rowing Programs, [Jon Campaña](#), to sign up.

Who can apply?

School districts or rowing programs and boathouses in the United States.

When is the application due?

The application is due by 11:59 PM on Friday, March 29th, 2024.

How do I apply?

To apply, fill out this [application](#) (opens February 5th) by March 29th at 11:59 PM.

What is meant by “ERG ED® Community?”

ERG ED® is as much a community initiative as it is an educational program. The success of the program hinges on more than just one entity and preference will be given to applicants that have the support of more than the school district and local rowing program.

What does “increased access” mean to GPRF?

Increased access means your rowing club is working to remove barriers to participation for groups of people that have been historically excluded from rowing. This includes, but is not limited to racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, gender, and/or LGBTQ+ diversity. Be prepared to answer questions such as, “How are you working to reach new groups of people?” and, “How are you supporting retention within these historically excluded groups?”

Who will be ineligible for the grant?

- Rowing programs with only adult rowers
- Applicants with no connection to or support from their school district
- Any rowing program that does not increase access to rowing for youth
- Rowing programs that are not based in the United States
- Existing ERG ED® sites that are not expanding to a new school district
 - Existing ERG ED® site applicants will need to demonstrate expansion to a new school district. This expansion must also reach a minimum of 2,000 new students or 4 new schools.

How are the grant applications scored?

The ERG ED® grants committee at the GPRF, featuring staff, board members, and community members across the country will review all applications and score them with a rubric. The rubric assesses the impact, feasibility, access, sustainability, community support, and leadership of the proposal.

What happens after five years?

The goal is to have each ERG ED® program across the country carry on well past the initial five years. The GPRF will continue to support ERG ED® sites in the following ways:

- RowErg parts support
- Curriculum support and virtual teacher training
- Continued access to the GPRF Community Network discussion channels, shared-learning seminars, and networking events
- Continued access to various coaching education opportunities