

# LOVE LEARNING?

## APPLY FOR THE ALP MICRO GRANT!



## WHAT CAN WE LEARN TOGETHER ABOUT HOW ASSESSMENT FOR LEARNING RELATES TO LEARNER BELONGING, EQUITY, AND LIBERATION?

The world has changed a lot since we last gathered just before COVID in San Diego February 2020. We loved learning together when we gathered virtually in May 2021, and in our ongoing projects and informal conversations with many of you. Like so many of you, our circle got a little smaller in the years in which we couldn't gather and dig more deeply into the intersection between equity and assessment.

We are excited to re-emerge as a learning community with some new partners, including Envision Learning Partners who now share in the stewardship of the ALP community, and with CZI who are supporting our learning! We also want to rekindle our shared love of learning and replenishing that part of our spirit that is reinvigorated by learning alongside other equity-seeking and assessment-focused educators.

With all of this in mind, we designed this year's micro grant program to emphasize partnership, relationship, and shared learning. Micro grants of \$3,000 - \$15,000 will be awarded to teams with a clear learning priority connected to our guiding question. Individual applications will be reviewed based on the clarity of the idea, rationale for that idea, and evidence that there is a group of folks committed to learning together. Preference will be given to applications that include students, families or other community partners as co-designers for what to pursue and how to pursue it. Additionally, reviewers will look for a grantee pool that is diverse, including rural to urban communities, folks serving all ages of learners from all walks of life, and centering a wide range of diverse identities.

### THE APPLICATION PROCESS IS SIMPLE!

- 1** Gather some folks you love learning with in your school community and discuss these questions.
  - What are we proud of as we reflect on this guiding question and our recent work together?
  - What is something our learners have taught us about this question?
  - What is critical for us to learn now, and why do we think that?
  - With no support or additional investment how could we pursue that learning?
  - If we had \$3-\$15K what more could we do to pursue that learning and why would that matter to us?
- 2** Decide together what you most want to learn together related to the guiding question and how you want to learn together.
- 3** Use this form to share what you want to do, what you could do on your own and how these funds could help. We strongly recommend you review this form before you meet with your team to best understand the detail of the application prior to meeting.

That's it! Applications are due at 5 pm ET on December 16, 2022. Decisions to be made and shared no later than January 9, 2023. Funds will be available no later than Feb 1, 2023.

*\* If teams want to use some of their funds to cover travel to the ALP convening in Tucson (February 14-17, 2023) we can arrange for that. Remember, funds are available to support BIPOC participation in the ALP convening. Email [Lauren@leadingwithlearning.org](mailto:Lauren@leadingwithlearning.org) if you qualify and are interested.*