Win that Grant Money!

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What’s out there?

LOST
Can someone explain this to me?
The Basics

- Read the application!
- Make sure you note the deadline and meet it
- Make a checklist – format, style, page lengths, word count
- Who needs to approve it before it is submitted? Will they have time?
- Spelling & Grammar
- Late and incomplete applications are disqualified
The Basics – Make Connections

- Concise, Clear & Complete
- Appropriate background on the ‘why?’ – What is the need?
- Tell your story, make it compelling
- Detail the implementation plan
- Do you have data to provide?
- Detailed budget
- Evaluation
Innovative Teaching Grants

“If there’s a professional development workshop or training, or new tool that would enhance your teaching skills and supplement your classroom learning, we invite you to apply for the Innovative Teaching Grant.

This grant is focused on the individual educator and improving his/her instructional skills. Funding is available up to $500.”
Collaborative Classroom Grants

“LEEF also offers a Collaborative Grant alongside the spring Innovative Classroom Grant cycle. Collaborative Innovative grants are designed to provide resources for innovations that impact an LISD program, entire campuses, an academic department or a grade level and that have the potential to significantly impact student achievement. Funding is available up to $5,000.

Applications will be accepted from a whole campus, a group of teachers at a campus, a group of teachers or administrators from different campuses, or a Central Office administrator.”
# 2015-2016 Innovative & Collaborative Classroom Grant Cycles:

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Professionally certified educators Pre-K through 12th grade

All applicants must be primary members of A+FCU

May apply once per year ~ Can only be awarded one grant per year

Requires principal approval as well as LISD approval before submission

Deadline is generally in May

Grants awarded up to $1,000
Criteria:

- Clearly-stated realistic measurable objectives and goals
- Well-defined project description
- Realistic and clear time schedule
- Measurable evaluation plan directly related to goals and objectives
- Complete, itemized, and correctly totaled Grant Budget Detail
- Adherence to all grant application requirements
- Organizational Information & History
- Fiscal Information
- Grant Request – How will the money be used?
- Recognition for the Foundation?
- Cover Letter, IRS Determination Letter, etc.
- LISD approval prior to submission
2014-2015 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Block House Creek Elementary School Library - $760.00
Pleasant Hill Elementary - $5,000.00
The Settlement Home for Children - $5,000.00
Starry, Inc. - $3,000.00
Make-A-Wish Foundation - $5,000.00
Friends of the Round Rock Library - $900.00
The Junior League of Austin: Coats for Kids Program - $5,000.00
Wonders & Worries - $1,500.00
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas - $2,500.00
YMCA of Greater Williamson County - $10,000.00
Helping Hand Home - $2,000.00
Comfort Crew for Military Kids - $5,000.00
Impact Grants

• Applicants must use the online application form and complete each section.
• Applications will be accepted from, but are not limited to:
  • An individual campus staff member (teacher, librarian, counselor, administrator)
  • A group of teachers at a campus (e.g. grade level team or an integrated team)
  • A group of teachers or administrators from different campuses
  • A representative of school-based groups such as the PTA/PTSA
  • An involved parent leading community organizations (e.g. scout troop)

• To be eligible for this funding, your project must directly impact:
  • A Leander ISD program, campus or group of campuses within the Four Points Area
  • One of the Foundation’s core mission categories: leadership, entrepreneurship, science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM)
  • College and career readiness for the 21st Century
  • A specific group of students (by grade level, club, course participation, etc.)
Principal should review the grant to ensure the requestors have already cleared the request with curriculum and/or technology.

All grant proposals are to be reviewed by Lucas Janda in the Budget Office before they are submitted to the granting agency.

Terms and conditions, curriculum alignment, financial completeness, verification of compatibility with ITS, approved vendors, and many other details are reviewed to ensure district compatibility and compliance.

All other grant applications from various funding sources (A+, HCEF, etc.) MUST be submitted to the Budget Office for review and approval prior to submitting to the granting agency. Please allow 5 days for processing.

If grant involves software, a Software Request Form must be submitted prior to submitting your application for review to the Budget Office. The software review process can take some time, be sure to submit your request well in advance of the grant cycle deadline. IF you have submitted a Software Request Form, please include that in your submission to Lucas as well.
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