The FOUNDATION

Grants for Great Ideas

2018-2019

Program Guidelines & Overview

2018-2019 Grant Application Deadlines

- Awards are presently funded up to $500 per classroom or $1,500 per grade level / school-wide project.
- Subject areas: Literacy, STEM and the Arts.

- Grant Cycle I – Deadline: Friday, September 14, 2018
- Grant Cycle II – Deadline: Friday, October 19, 2018
- Grant Cycle III – Deadline: Friday, November 30, 2018

Grant Project Requirements:
What is the Grants Committee looking for?

- Projects should address school and district goals

- Projects should meet Florida standards

- Projects <u>must</u> have measurable outcomes

- Projects should be innovative and creative

- Projects should provide changes in knowledge, skills, attitudes, behavior

Mandatory Reporting of Outcomes

- All projects in Literacy, Art, or STEM must have measurable outcomes and the ability to track those outcomes.

- All projects must track the number of students who participate.

- Include the learning goals for your students and a standardized measurement tool. What do you want them to learn? How will you determine if they met the goal?

Mandatory Reporting of Outcomes

- All recipients must be prepared to provide answers to **<u>one of these</u>** questions for the state report using test scores, surveys of students or other tracking:

    Art projects:

    o What pre- and post- test/surveys/data sources were used for outcome measurements? What were the student outcomes?

    Literacy projects:

    o # of students who improved grade in a standardized reading skills test, **OR**

    o # of students who showed increased participation in reading, as measured by check-out or purchase of reading material, e.g., library, book fair, Accelerated Reader or other program.

    STEM projects:

    o # of students who improved their grade in STEM subject area (specify subject area), **OR**

    o # of students who showed increase interest in pursuing a STEM career, **OR**

    o # of student participants who participate in specific STEM-related activities beyond required course work (clubs, competitions, advance courses).

Technology Requests

- Must make a strong case for the educational value
- Research lowest price with SCPS computer store and provide backup. Most items must be purchased through them.
  - http://www.scps.k12.fl.us/purchasing/ComputerStore.aspx
- Items must be supported by SCPS Information Services
- Proper tracking and storage at your school is required
- Items become <u>property of the school</u>, not the teacher

Unallowable Expenses

- Tax on purchases will not be reimbursed and cannot be paid for through funds received from The Foundation. This will become the responsibility of the teacher or school. All receipts must be attached to the expenditure report.

- Food/Refreshments

- Rewards – trophies, trinkets, gift cards

- Recognition items – certificates, etc.

- Furniture (including but not limited to: bean bag chairs, shelving units, storage bins)

- Costumes/uniforms/clothing items

The Grants Committee also will not award funding for the following requests:

- Books that can be funded by a school's book budget;

- Software programs that can be funded by a school's budget;

- Hardware that can be funded by a schools' budget. Items that improve classroom instruction and students understanding with quantifiable results will be considered, but require a strong case for the educational value they offer;

- Equipment that is available and can be purchased through the school/district;

- Costs to secure speakers;

- Funding for charter schools;

- For projects which include the mailing of letters and/or packages by the students, postage costs will not be funded;

- Requests for materials/projects that will later be donated to the community or auctioned off as a fundraiser will not be funded (all materials must remain the property of the school).

2018-2019 Timeline – Reporting schedule

- January 11, 2019 – All Cycle I and II grant awards must be spent by this date.

- February 1, 2019 – Cycle I and II expenditure reports due. Unused funds must be returned by this date.

- February 15, 2019 – All Cycle III grant awards must be spent by this date.

- March 1, 2019 – Cycle III expenditure reports due. Unused funds must be returned by this date.

- April 5, 2019 - All projects must be implemented by this date in order to gather data (grades and measurable outcomes) from your students.

- May 10, 2019 - Final evaluation reports due.

- **Failure to submit expenditure report or evaluation report will disqualify future grant awards.**

If you have questions:

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Good Luck!