



Innovative Teaching Grants

2021

Grant Application Packet for Teachers

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

MARCH - 12 - 2021

Grants Due by 5 pm (VIA EMAIL)

vvisdedufoundation@vvisd.org

***** GRANTS AWARDED NO LATER THAN APRIL 2021*****



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Guidelines for Grant Applications

Purpose:

Innovative Teaching Grants are designed to encourage, facilitate, recognize and reward innovative and creative instructional approaches to the accomplishment of program objectives. The Van Vleck ISD Education Foundation (VVISDEF) is offering teachers and administrators the opportunity to apply for grants to support innovative programs or projects to support higher levels of student learning. The grants must enhance student academic performance and support the objectives, goals, and initiatives of the Campus Improvement Plan.

Persons Eligible to Apply for Grants:

Individuals or teams of individuals employed by Van Vleck ISD who are involved in the instruction of students or related support services benefiting students.

Eligible Proposals:

Instructional approaches or projects designed to be implemented December 31, 2021 and which meet the selection criteria. Grants may fund instructional and classroom materials, parent involvement programs, or any activity or material which supports higher levels of student academic achievement.

Award of Funds:

Grants will be awarded to individual teacher initiated programs or projects. The number of awards will depend on funds available from VVISDEF.

Selection Criteria:

- The degree to which the grant supports the District goals and the Campus Improvement Plan and is specifically designed to address an area of need substantiated by data.
- The degree to which student academic performance is emphasized.
- The degree to which sound evaluation procedures are incorporated in the proposal.

- The degree to which the proposal represents a creative or innovative approach to the accomplishment of objectives. Funds are not typically available for recurring programs/projects. (The proposal should address a new project as opposed to one accomplished or under way.)
- The degree to which the proposal is clear and logical, including (a) specificity of objectives; (b) clarity of description of instructional procedures, methods or treatments; and (c) correspondence among evaluative procedures, objectives and treatments.

Grant Applications should be submitted to the VVISDEF electronically.
Email application as an attachment to vvisdedufoundation@vvisd.org.

Selection Process:

1. Application forms may be obtained online through the web page, via email or VVISDEF Director.
2. Teacher initiated applications must be reviewed for congruence with campus programs and signed by the principal.
3. Signed applications are due to the VVISDEF office, no later than the date selected by the VVISDEF Board of Directors.
4. Applications will be reviewed and commented on by the VVISDEF Board of Directors minus any BOD that are employed or family employed with VVISD.
5. If approved by the VVISDEF Board of Directors, the application is collectively presented to the VVISD School Board for formal acceptance of the grant funds.
6. Applicants will be notified of decisions by the date specified by the committee.

Responsibilities of Grant Recipients:

- Use the awards for the purposes intended.
 - Projects awarded must be fully implemented by the end of the following semester.
 - Project must be fully implemented and final report submitted to VVISDEF before recipients can submit an application for another grant.
 - Agree to share successful procedures in staff development sessions.
- If recipient employee transitions out of their current role when grant is awarded 1 of 2 requirements must be met:**
- 1) 100% refund the grant amount to the VVISDEF
- or
- 2) Submit a signed letter from principal insuring 100% of funds are being utilized and implemented in intentional form on the awarded campus.

When applying for a grant, please remember the following:

- Grants are to be used to fund projects that cannot be provided for in the school and district budgets.
- Objectives and outcomes should be consistent with the goals of your school and the district.
- Grants cannot be used to fund teacher training or travel. When creating your budget, research carefully and be realistic. Small grants are just as likely to be awarded as large grants. Partial funding will be considered. Funds will not be awarded for budgeted items available from district resources.
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Tips for a Successful Application

Statement of Need:

- Describe the area of student achievement you wish to address and give any data that supports the need. Please include how this grant addresses district and campus goals.
- Keep the statement simple and straightforward.
- Show how project relates to the District/Campus Improvement Plan(s).

Objectives:

- Limit the number of objectives.
- Imply or state evaluation in the statement of objectives.
- Be specific.

Description of Proposed Project/Activity:

- Describe the problem or issue addressed.
- Show how the project supports the purpose.
- List steps to be followed in project implementation.
- Relate project to need and objectives.
- Be specific.

Evaluation:

- Relate to stated objectives.
- Indicate how you will know whether the project was successful.

Partners:

- Are there others who will participate in this project? (CIS, Rotary, Lion's Club)
- What will their roles be?



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Cover Page**

Project Title: _____

Name of Applicant(s)

Signature of Applicant(s)

School(s) _____

Grade(s) _____ (list each grade level)

Subject(s) _____

Number of Students _____

Amount of Grant \$ _____

Primary target population to be served:

____ students (target group: ____)

____ parents

____ teachers

Implementation dates: _____

Signature of Principal _____

Date _____

Signature of Technology Dir.* _____

Date _____

** Required when funds will be used to purchase technology and/or media equipment.*

Signature of Superintendent* _____

Date _____

** Required when funds will be used for construction or maintenance.*

Abstract (no more than 100 words)

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IMPORTANT - Do not include the name of your campus in the Project Title or application

Project Title: _____

Grade(s)_____Subject(s) _____Number of Students _____
(List each grade level)

CHECK ONE: This project is:

☐ new to the district ☐ new to my campus ☐ new to me.

CHECK ONE: Have you received funds for this project from VVUSD previously?

☐ Yes ☐ No

DIRECTIONS: Please provide a summary for each area listed below.

Need: (Describe the area of student achievement you wish to address and give any data that supports the need. Please include how this grant addresses district and campus goals.)

<p>Objectives: (State measurable objectives in terms of student behavior or performance.)</p>
<p>Description of Proposed Project/Activity: (Describe what you want to do with the grant funds. List activities and timeline. How is it innovative?)</p>
<p>Evaluation Strategy: (Describe how you will know if your objectives are met. How will you share your program's successes with your peers?)</p>
<p>Partners: (Identify any school and/or community partners involved in the project and their respective roles.)</p>
<p>Sustainability: (If funded, how will you continue the program/project in the future? What will be the recurring costs? How will this program/project be funded in the future?)</p>

DIRECTIONS: Note the budget distribution for each category. Be specific.

Budget Items	Amount	Vendor	Budget Code Business Office Use
Supplies (please list)			

Equipment			
Contracted Services (list consultants)			
Other:			
TOTAL			