



Innovative Teaching Grants

February 2018

Grant Application Packet for Teachers



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2018 Timeline**

FEB 23

Grants Due by 5 pm (VIA EMAIL)

Grant notebooks submitted to Grant Selection Committee

Education Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

***** GRANTS AWARDED NO LATER THAN MARCH 9, 2018*****



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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, 2016 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 of up to \$300 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.
A hardcopy with original signatures on the cover sheet must be forwarded to the VVISDEF.

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 by the Campus Leadership Team 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 Grant Application Review Committee made up of the following members:
 - a. VVISDEF directors appointed by the president of the VVISDEF Board of Directors
 - b. Others as determined by the VVISDEF Board of Directors
5. If recommended for approval, the application is presented to the Board of Directors of VVISDEF in summary form for review and formal approval.
6. 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.
7. 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.

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?



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 CLT Chairperson _____

Date _____

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)

(This page will not be seen by the Review Committee)

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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.)

Objectives: (State measurable objectives in terms of student behavior or performance.)

Description of Proposed Project/Activity: (Describe what you want to do with the grant funds. List activities and timeline. How is it innovative?)

Evaluation Strategy: (Describe how you will know if your objectives are met. How will you share your program's successes with your peers?)

Partners: (Identify any school and/or community partners involved in the project and their respective roles.)

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?)

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			

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Criteria for Grant Approval Reviewer Score Sheet**

Application Number _____

Evaluator # _____

Project Title _____

Please rank the effectiveness of each item with 3 being high and 1 being low. Circle the number that best describes each statement.

<i>Criteria</i>				Weighted Amount	Weighted Total
Need is clearly stated. Supports districts and campus goals.	3	2	1	X 3	
Objectives are specifically stated and measurable.	3	2	1	X 2	
Activities/procedures specifically stated and relate to purpose and objectives. Innovation is apparent.	3	2	1	X 3	
Evaluation strategy is clearly stated and relevant to the objectives and student performance.	3	2	1	X 2	
Budget is complete, realistic, accurate and appropriate.	3	2	1	X 2	
Project includes participation and support of parents, community and/or business partners.	3	2	1	X 1	
GRAND TOTAL					

Please check the statement below that best describes how you would rank this application.

- I would definitely recommend funding this project.
- I would recommend partial funding. Amount? \$ _____
- I would recommend funding this project if there were extra money.
- I would not recommend funding this project.

Additional Comments (please use back if necessary)