

Writing a Winning FEF Grants for Great Ideas! Grant 2024 – 2025



Where Do I Start?

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Creative

Dreams

<u>Impact</u>

Goals

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Needs

Items to Think About

Does it support Future Ready Learning?

What are you trying to accomplish?

What is the purpose?

How are you going to structure the grant?

When do you want to do the grant?

Who is going to do what?

Who else is involved and how?

What kind of resources is needed?

What is the cost?

What is FEF Looking For in a Grant Idea?



Be groundbreaking, novel, or modern

P Encourage lifelong learning

Enhance the educational experience

Inspire students to learn

Solutions that meet new requirements

State of the Art but not adding technology equipment

Be innovative with new methods or ideas



Some Examples of Items <u>NOT</u> Funded

- Computer Hardware not pre-approved by district technology department
- Computer Software not pre-approved by district technology department
- Items affixed to district property (projectors, whiteboards, landscape, etc.)
- Projects not aligned with District Strategic Plan/ Curriculum (see your area instructional director with questions)
- Projects not approved by principal or supervisor
- iPads or Chromebooks
- Shared equipment already provided such as classroom sets of equipment or Materials
- Equipment/Technology taken off-campus
- Travel
- Payroll
- Staff Development, Conferences and Workshops
- Gift Cards
- Personal user accounts (iTunes, Amazon)

This is not a complete list of items not funded but rather some examples. Please contact FEF with any questions prior to submitting your grant.

Characteristics of Successful Grant Writers



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Be creative and original

Consider all steps if working alone

Involve co-applicants for teamwork and divide up the roles

Q Capitalize on the strength of your team or group

Seek advise from grant recipient colleagues

Emphasize project over materials

Develop a Timeline



Use a backward design from the due date

- Rough out the application
- Talk with your principal or supervisor
- Familiarize yourself with FISD approved vendor list
- Gather budget prices and quotes
- Discuss with others involved
- Review with tech specialists, if needed
- Finalize application
- Review with supervisor or colleagues
- Avoid last-minute submission



Writing Advice









AVOID ACRONYMS

BE BRIEF, YET CONCISE

BE POSITIVE AND COMPELLING IN TELLING YOUR STORY HIGHLIGHT THE IMPACT TO THE STUDENTS AND THEIR LEARNING EXPERIENCE







AVOID UNSUPPORTED ASSUMPTIONS

CHECK SPELLING AND GRAMMAR

FOLLOW FEF GRANT GUIDELINES

Tips on Writing a Successful Grant

Ask someone to read your proposal

Connect proposal to student instruction and impact

Proofread your work

Exclude campus/department name

- Have a Non-Educator review
- Is it clear and persuasive?
- Did you paint a vivid picture for the reader?
- Did you state your method and objective?
- Are all acronyms defined?
- Align with District Strategic Plan and curriculum
- Explain grant's impact on student motivation for lifelong learning
- Prepare students for success
- Focus on areas for Future Ready Learners
- Avoid relying on spell check
- Grant applications reviewed blindly

Overcoming Obstacles



Connect to campus goals

Set clear objectives

Ensure measurability through feedback and performance

Avoid acronyms and jargon -- Grant reviewers maybe non-educators

Innovate beyond current practices

Emphasize student engagement

Schedule time





Why Proposals Get Funded

Proposal is original and creative

Proposal addresses an important need

Proposal aims to assist an underserved population

Proposal introduces new and exciting ideas to the learning environment

Proposal impacts a significant number of students

Proposal inspires and educates the students

Proposal shows innovative approaches

Proposal is engaging for the reviewer

Proposal clearly states methods, objectives and outcomes

How are the Grants for Great Ideas Funded?

- The FEF Grants for Great Ideas! program is made possible by the generosity of donors to the Frisco Education Foundation.
- As an FISD employee, you too can make a gift in support of FEF Programs such as this. One way to donate to the Frisco Education Foundation is through the FEF Payroll Contribution Program.
- If you would like to enroll in the FEF Payroll Contribution program, the enrollment form can be found on Workvivo under resources in the FEF folder.

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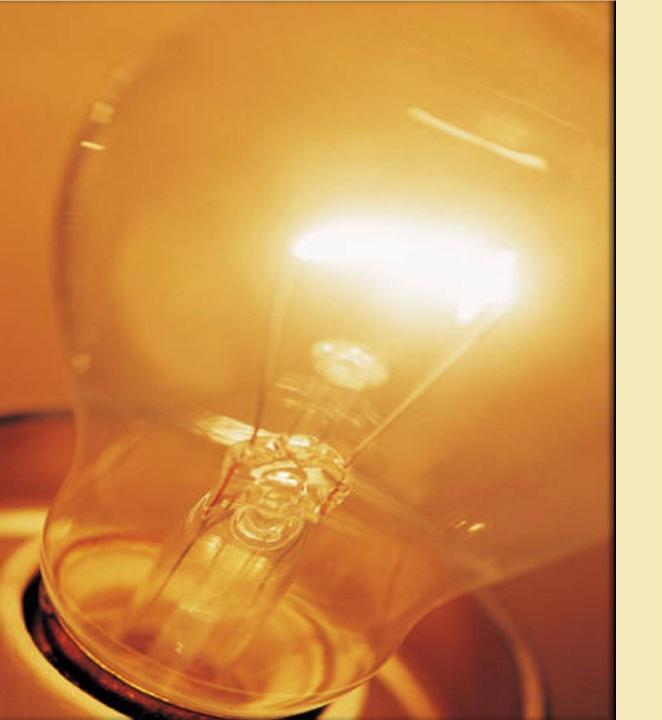
Curriculum Staff

Technology Staff

Special Education Staff

Fine Arts Staff

Department Heads and Coordinators



You are ready to begin!

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