



Clebune Education Foundation

## 2021-22 Innovative Grant Instructions

Thank you for applying for a CEF Innovative Grant. Our Board and Grants Review Committee are very appreciative of your commitment to your students!

### Application Instructions

- Download the application. Save the document as a PDF using your name and 2021 Innovative Grant in the filename, i.e. Paige Harris 2021 Innovative Grant. Downloading the application will allow you to work on your application, save it and return to it later.
  - To ensure anonymity during the selection process, please do **NOT** include any names of teachers or staff, the school, the campus mascot or any other identifying information in the title, body of the application or budget/quote information. **That information should be provided on the Cover Sheet only.**
  - Only one grant application will be accepted per teacher.
  - All grant applications **must** be approved by the campus principal. Please make sure to get your proposal to your principal in a timely manner so your grant will be turned in on time. No applications will be considered after the deadline.
  - Project applications must directly and positively affect student achievement/outcomes. It is important to indicate the number of students that are expected to benefit from the project.
  - Please be sure to mention if your grant proposal will incorporate matching funds from your school, and/or school parent organization, community resources, or other resources. Such outside contributions are not required but are a sign of commitment to the project and multiply the effectiveness of the grant award.
  - Proofread your application to ensure that someone who does not know your project will understand it. **Do not use terminology or acronyms that a reviewer outside of education would not recognize or understand.** Please be very descriptive. If you are requesting a microscope, tell us how a microscope works, how it will be used in your classroom, why it's important to student achievement and how your students will benefit from receiving the microscope. Please run spell check and grammar check before submitting your application.
  - A teacher may receive awards for two consecutive years and then becomes ineligible for additional funding until after one year has passed. The teacher would become eligible for funding after one year without receiving CEF funds.
  - All project activities must comply with CISD policies and procedures. Upon completion, please scan and email the document to [pharris@cleburneducationfoundation.com](mailto:pharris@cleburneducationfoundation.com) or print and deliver to Central Office for placement in the CEF mailbox. Applications must be received by **4:30 pm on Tuesday, January 26.**

**Grant Deadline: January 26, 2021**

- Budget Details:
  - Items that can be reused in future years are highly encouraged so that your work can continue.
  - All purchases under these grants become property of the Cleburne Independent School District.
  - All grantees are required to place labels (provided by CEF) on items purchased through CEF grants to denote that they are property of CISD and funded by the Cleburne Education Foundation.
  - Please read the instructions on the budget page carefully.
  
- Awarding of Funds:
  - Innovative Grants are funded up to \$5,000.
  - The Grant Committee has the discretion to determine whether to fully or partially award any grant. The CEF Grants Committee uses an unidentifiable selection process for all grant requests so favoritism is not a factor.
  - Applications will be scored using the Score Sheet that is included in these instructions. A minimum score of 75 is required for consideration for funding. Opportunity for additional bonus points.
  
- Grants will be considered for ideas that enhance classroom instruction for reading, social studies, music, language, grammar, art, physical education, career, health and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and social/emotional learning and coping skills.
  
- Grants will NOT be awarded for:
  - Salaries (including substitute pay) and stipend compensation
  - Monetary incentives or travel costs
  - Costs for items which are already available through campus, district, state or federal funding
  - Student Incentive Programs
  - Technology items and equipment are eligible for funding, but must be an integral piece of the project and contribute to increased student learning. Items must not be provided for in the CISD technology budget, campus budgets, bond budget, or state or federal funding budgets.

Please call Paige Harris at 817-202-1199 or email [pharris@cleburneducationfoundation.com](mailto:pharris@cleburneducationfoundation.com) further information. Thank you!

**Grant Deadline Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

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## Score Sheet

Review the application and determine your score for each section based on the criteria as outlined in the rubric. Use the note section to record questions or comments you would like to make during the Grants Review Committee meeting. Applications must score at least 75 to be eligible for funding.

Criteria	Notes	Score
1. Project Description <i>(Was the applicant specific in their description? Did they state the need for the grant and how their target audience will benefit? Did you feel the applicant described the project in their own words? Did they refer to research and evaluative studies if relevant? How will the project lead to success for their students?)</i> 40 pts.		
2. What makes the project innovative? <i>(How is the project/idea creative? How will the project provide enhanced learning opportunities for students? How will they incorporate this project into the classroom in a new and innovative ways to engage students?)</i> 30 pts.		
3. What are the goals for the project? <i>(What will be accomplished if the grant is funded? How do goals align with specific learning outcomes? Do goals align with district initiatives?)</i> 15 pts.		
4. How will the project be evaluated? <i>(How will the applicant measure success? What student evaluation methods will be used to determine enhanced student achievement and engagement?)</i> 15pts.		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

Final Score: \_\_\_\_\_