

2022-23 Grant of Excellence

Application Process



PURPOSE:

Grants of Excellence provide funding for innovative and creative educational programs or projects that not only enrich curriculum but could also be incorporated into future curriculum plans within our district.

The program or project should directly impact a significant number of students. We encourage creativity, innovation and collaboration between teachers and staff at varied grade levels and between buildings within the district.

These grants may total up to **\$1,000 per teacher** or up to **\$2,500 if multiple grades and staff**.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Any GJPS staff member may apply.
- Please [CLICK HERE](#) to begin the on-line application process or go to www.gjef.org for the link. You will be able to save the draft for editing at a later time.
- Application deadline: **4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2023**
- Grant application **MUST be approved** by the building Principal.
- If there is a technology component to the grant, please consult with Director of Technology, Matt Blackwell, to verify cost information and preferred vendors.
- Projects will be funded for one year from the start of the project. Unused funds will NOT be carried over to the next year.
- Grant recipients are required to acknowledge the GJEF as a supporting organization when publicizing their project. A short summary of results is required to be filed. Recipients may also be asked to prepare a project display that can be used by the Foundation. If applicable, photos or videos of your project are appreciated.
- Equipment and materials shall remain with the building.
- Timeline for awarding grants and ordering materials
 - o Grants awarded: March 23, 2023
 - o Grant winners to submit purchase requisition by: April 7, 2023

QUESTIONS OR WANT TO DISCUSS A GRANT IDEA?

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Grant Guidelines



FOUNDATION MISSION:

To promote excellence in education by supporting inspiring and innovative programs that impact the learning experiences for the students of the Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The Education Foundation seeks to fund educational projects that are relevant, creative, effective, and inspiring. An emphasis will be given to projects that fall into the following categories:

- programs, projects and activities that provide an innovative or creative approach to teaching the curriculum
- programs that introduce new resources or tools to support the curriculum
- programs, projects and activities that are high-interest and increase student engagement
- programs that provide enrichment and add instructional, inspirational, and/or life experience value to the curriculum

Grant applications will be evaluated based on, minimally, the following factors:

- broad in scope with a measurable impact (*i.e.* will impact a significant number of students)
- show creativity and innovation
- enhance collaboration among classes, grades, schools and/or curricular teams
- strengthen academics and meet curriculum objectives
- meet an essential educational need
- directly influence student learning
- detailed project description and work plan including a specific timeline
- goals and objectives clearly defined and measurable
- detailed, **itemized budget** that is economically sound
 - o **Please list specific products and costs**
 - o Attachments or links to websites with product descriptions is very helpful

GJEF grant monies may NOT be used for the following:

- transportation costs
- staff salaries or the cost of substitute staff
- salaries for outside instructors
- programs and items which could be funded through traditional school or public funding sources