

HELP OUR TEACHERS FUND

Grant Application Tips

Please feel free to use the tips below from last year's recipients when considering to apply for a Help our Teachers Grant.

- Apply early and be very specific in how you will utilize granted items with your students.
- I would encourage all building principals to encourage staff to apply.
- Have a specific goal/project in mind to help you focus on your application.
- Make sure you review the timeline so you can plan accordingly.
- To my fellow teachers, I have one piece of advice: just do it! Applying for grants may seem intimidating at first, but the benefits far outweigh the effort. The resources you can provide for your students through grants are invaluable, and the process is often more straightforward than you might think.
- Be specific about how the grant will directly impact your students. Share the challenges they face and how your proposed purchase will help overcome them.
- Keep the future of your students in mind. What can you use that will best support their growth and propel them towards success?
- Clearly outline how each item will benefit both classroom learning and extracurricular activities. Highlight the dual impact on student engagement and skill development to make your application stand out.
- Avoid using vendors your school typically relies on, as they often overprice items knowing that school districts are limited in their vendor options. Instead, seek out alternative suppliers to maximize your grant funds by taking advantage of sales, discounts, and better deals. This strategy will help your money go further and increase the impact of your grant.
- Articulate the specific needs of your classroom and how the grant will directly impact your students' learning experiences. Be sure to include measurable goals and outcomes, as well as any innovative ideas you have for utilizing the funds. This clarity will help demonstrate the importance of your project and its potential to make a meaningful difference in your students' education
- I feel asking for something that students get to experience and learn from is the most important thing to keep in mind when applying.
- Have a trusted colleague review your grant. Whether that is edits or suggestions on what to include. Our colleagues see what we are doing in our classrooms so they can help provide perspective when it comes to how these supplies can elevate what we are already doing.