



## CLASSROOM INNOVATION & CREATIVITY GRANT

THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF THE WEST ADA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

**Submission Date: December 3rd 2015 - 4:00pm.**

**March – Grant Review April – Funded Grant Announcement**

**Please email final, signed grant to [westadafoundation@westada.org](mailto:westadafoundation@westada.org).**

**THE PURPOSE** of the Classroom Innovation & Creativity Grant is for educators to provide an exemplary learning culture in the classroom. In requesting materials the applicant must explain how this item will help them teach above the expected use of the item requested to an extraordinary performance. These grants will be awarded to creative, innovative, and original projects to promote innovative activities which motivates students and enhances the teaching and learning process.

An innovative project is one that places the emphasis on the students and not the teachers. Methods that highlight innovation and creativity in purpose are required in the grant proposal. Desired student results need to be summarized. Grants may be used to enhance existing classroom practice or to initiate new teaching and learning opportunities.

Grants are not intended to support on-going operations, therefore, are non-renewable.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR A GRANT

1. All projects should be planned for implementation **during the 2016-2017 school year.**
2. Projects should focus on improving student achievement through creativity and innovation.
3. Applications are available on the district website.
4. The Education Foundation Grant **WILL NOT FUND:**
  - Food or Refreshments
  - Items normally supplied by the district or building
  - Parent Resource Libraries
  - Scholarships or college credits
  - Travel expenses other than the transporting of students using district vehicles.
  - Sports Equipment for school team sports.
  - Salaries or Benefits for personnel.

5. The Education Foundation reserves the right to partially fund grant proposal.
6. Total request should **include shipping and handling**. Any grant money that is not used will revert to the Education Foundation.
7. More weight will be given to proposals with other sources of funding such as matching funds from PTO, PTA, outside sources, etc.
8. Non-sustainable grants will not be funded the following year. It will be necessary to find alternative funding to sustain long term proposals.
9. All technology and curriculum items must work with the district approved curriculum and technology. If you have any questions, please contact **Bernadette Sexton** prior to writing this grant.

**Foundation Grant Evaluation Rubric Categories:**

- Meets grant requirements as outlined. If not, will not be considered
- Improving Student Academic Achievement                      0-10 points
- Innovation & creativity    0-20 points
- Value of project to students    0-5 points
- Matching Funds    0-5 points
- Number of Students Impacted
  - 1-35    5 points
  - 36-100    10 points
  - 100+    15 points

*\*All Grant recipients are to be a representative for The Education Foundation to the school at which they teach.*



## APPLICATION FORM

**Project Title:**

**School:**

**Applicant First and Last Name:**

**Budget:**

**Grant Funding**

**Less than \$500**

**\$500- \$1000**

**\$1001-\$2000**

**More than \$2000**

**Subject Area**

**Math and Science**

**Health and PE**

**English Language Arts**

**Social Studies**

**Professional Technical**

**World Language**

**Art and Music**

**Other**

**Answer the following questions (be succinct and clear in your explanations).**

**1.** Please carefully describe the need for the project. (Remember non-educators are reading this grant so they may not understand the term Maker Space, Learning Plan, Schoolnet, etc. - 850 character maximum)

**2.** Describe how this will help students achieve more. (850 character maximum)

3. Describe what is creative and/or innovative about the request. Studies show sitting and listening to a lecture is not the most effective way for students to learn. Explain how the request will enhance existing classroom practice. (900 character maximum)

4. Describe the steps to be taken to implement the project/program. (900 character maximum)

5. Number of Students impacted: *Immediate and future*. (100 character maximum)

6. Describe how you will measure the success of the project. Describe ways you anticipate the project, if successful, serving as a program that could be replicated by other teachers in the district. (900 character maximum)

7. Identify any school-community partners involved in the project and their role(s):  
(100 character maximum)

Project anticipated begin date:

Project duration:

Note:

**All recipients are required to complete an end-of-the-year evaluation on the grant's effectiveness. Forms will be sent to the recipients by the spring of 2016. Grant recipients may be asked to report their evaluation results in a presentation to the Board of Directors.** All Grant recipients are to serve as representatives for The Education Foundation at the school at which they teach.

**All grant funds must be spent by December 2017** unless other arrangements are made through the Education Foundation office (#350-5039). Receipts or copies of receipts should be sent to Bernadette Sexton at the District Service Center (DSC) by December 31, 2017.

## PROJECT BUDGET

EXPENSE DESCRIPTION (Describe Items)	TOTAL EXPENSES: Including shipping/handling	\$ FROM OTHER SOURCES/MATCHING FUNDS	\$ FROM THE FOUNDATION

**TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant's Signature:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date:**

Do you have approval regarding maintenance, installation and license issues?      YES      NO

**Administrator's Input:**

*This grant will not be considered without a building Administrator responding to the following:*

Why do you recommend this proposal be approved?

If technology items are requested, will they be appropriate for your building?

Are there building funds available to support this proposal?      Yes      No

**Signature of Administrator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Use Only (we will get these signatures for you)**

Curriculum Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation or issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Technology Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation or issues: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_