

Grants for Great Ideas!

Teacher Grant Program
Innovation, Management &
Best Practices

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Decide What You Will Fund

- ▶ Creative, innovative programs that enhance education at Midway ISD
- ▶ Requested Funds:
 - ▶ Up to \$1,000 monthly
 - ▶ \$1,500 for individuals once per semester
 - ▶ \$5,000 for groups once per semester
 - ▶ \$10,000+ for district-wide or campus-wide initiatives annually
 - ▶ Higher amounts as decided upon by Foundation



Grant Express for Little Ideas



Grants for Great Ideas

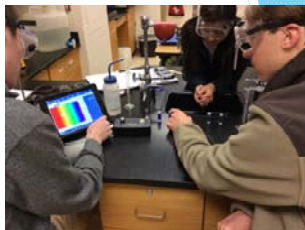


And Grants for BIG Ideas!



Fun Facts

- ▶ Typical number of requests
 - ▶ 10 - 35 applications from 10 campuses
- ▶ Typical number of grant readers:
 - ▶ 10 - Board members, former teachers and community members
- ▶ Average amount available for grants:
 - ▶ \$120,000 annually now - (\$13,000 the first semester)




Let Staff Know What You Want

- ▶ Introduce/promote at convocation if possible
- ▶ Grant Writing Workshops (required)
- ▶ Provide samples from other districts
- ▶ Online submissions
- ▶ Promote grants on social media



Training Required or Not?



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CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION
GRANTS FOR GREAT IDEAS
2012 - 2013 GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

This certifies that Kevin Rivera has attended the workshop for new grant writer training on February 7, 2013.

Suzi Pagel, Director of Corporate & Community Development - Midway ISD Education Foundation

It's OK to think SMALL





Let Me Preview That for You

How We Review



Why We Use Our System

- 1) To review all applications carefully and equitably
- 2) To streamline the selection process
- 3) To accommodate volunteer and staff schedules
- 4) Most important point: It is transparent & equitable

Grant Express

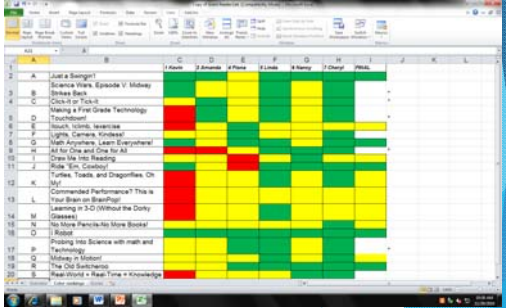
- ▶ \$5,000 budget monthly (up to \$1K per request)
- ▶ Staff forwards copy of grant to curriculum staff, technology dept. & principal for feedback that we share with the readers.
- ▶ Readers review and rank. Quick meetings, phone conferences or email "reply all" used to select winners.



GFGI - The "Green Light System"

- ▶ **Green** - Fund at some level, but definitely fund
- ▶ **Yellow** - I have questions to ask of the staff or need to be convinced
- ▶ **Red** - Does not meet our funding goals, doesn't show sustainability, not innovative or poorly written

The "Green Light System"



	1. Level	2. Amount	3. Focus	4. Level	5. Novelty	6. Overall
A	Just a Song!					
B	Science Week, Episode V: Midway					
C	Shrek Back					
D	Click or Track					
E	Making a First Grade Technology					
F	Touch, Spin, Swirl, Spin					
G	Touch, Spin, Swirl, Spin					
H	Math, Art, Science, Learn, Environmental					
I	Put Me One and One for All					
J	Open Me Up Reading					
K	Star, Sun, Sun!					
L	Turtles, Turtles and Dragonflies, Oh My!					
M	Commanded Performance? This is Your Sign to Break!					
N	Learning to Fly Without the Dorky					
O	Grasses!					
P	No More Pencils, No More Books!					
Q	I Robot					
R	Pop and Science with math and					
S	Technology					
T	Making a Robot!					
U	The Old Switcheroo					
V	Brain Storms & Brain Time & Knowledge					

Grants for Great Ideas
Reviewing, Scoring & Awarding Grants

Combines objective and subjective scoring elements



A photograph showing four hands holding up white signs with numerical scores against a blue and white background. The scores are 8.7, 9.1, 11.3, and 14.2.


Review

Curriculum team meets with readers to field questions from staff

Selection committee volunteers can revise scores based on feedback from staff

Final Selection

- ▶ "Green light" grant application budget pages are reviewed and funding amount is set.



A meme featuring a man in a suit holding a large fan of cash. The text "IS THAT YOUR FINAL ANSWER?" is overlaid on the image. A small URL "www.itsyourfinalanswer.net" is visible at the bottom.

Reader's scores are sorted highest to lowest and funded one by one until the allotted money is gone.

Grant	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Reader Score	Total	Title	Amount Requested
30	52	58	47	48	58	58	51	57.143	55.97	Science Wars, Episode V: Mithras Strikes	5,000.00
4	48	51	49	60	61	62	58	74.286	54.71	Pushing into Science with Math and Tech	4,800.00
4	47	58	51	57	47	48	100	49.7381	53.74	Lights, Camera, Kickstart!	4,800.00
5	44	51	57	48	48	58	60	48.2619	52.28	The More Pennies the More Busted!	4,500.00
6	46	55	47	45	52	58	58	49.3	53.50	Click-it or Tick-it!	3,820.00
9	46	47	54	51	62	60	62	47.8529	48.89	Learning in 3-D (Without the Dirty Green)	3,800.00
8	46	41	48	51	44	47	60	48	48.00	Incorn, incor, Veronice	3,000.00
9	47	52	44	44	57	58	60	47.8243	51.05	Making a First Grade Technology Tourist	4,170.00
10	41	56	54	48	58	28	61	48.54782	50.55	Murphy in Motion	5,800.00
11	58	58	60	48	48	52	62	48.91429	51.91	Turtles, Trains, and Dragons, Oh my!	4,900.00
12	41	57	48	53	51	56	63	50.8571	47.83	Commended Performance! This is Year 1	3,380.00
13	27	47	53	56	47	41	61	45.38959	48.38	Read Words! Read Time! Read Knowledge!	3,650.00
14	47	44	51	41	53	50	64	50.1429	48.38	Drive Me into Reading	2,900.00
15	43	56	57	48	62	28	61	42.88714	42.88	All for One and One for All	2,890.00
16	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50.00	50.00	Just A Bang!	1,790.00
17	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50.00	50.00	Math Anywhere, Learn Everywhere!	2,650.00
18	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50.00	50.00	Read, Skip, Conquer!	2,590.00
19	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50.00	50.00	I, Robot	4,210.00
20	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50.00	50.00	The Old Butcherop	450.00
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Grant Review Services

- ▶ Aledo uses Foundant (\$1500 annually) to review over 100 grants annually
- ▶ Others?

Evaluation Forms

Feedback from the selection committee is recorded to pass along to the applicant.

Unfunded applicants are told one of these three responses:

- Doesn't fit our funding criteria
- May want to resubmit IF
- We just ran out of funds before we ran out of good ideas. We'd like to hold your grant until next review period or look for other funding sources.

Suggestions for Declined Grants

- 1 Write thorough feedback letter/form or call applicant
- 2 Give paperwork to principal and ask them to deliver to the applicant with words of encouragement
- 3 ED or Board Members can contact applicants individually

Awarding Grants: The Prize Posse



District-wide Email Announcement



Share on social media

All School Assembly



I Used to Hear...



Now I Hear....



Can't Get Enough
Talk About Grants?
Let's Chat!



To Be Continued in the next session
with Teresa!

*Innovative Grant Programs: An
Interactive Session*
Capital View Terrace North

Questions?



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FAST CASH GRANTS

An Overview

Established in April of 2017, this grant seeks to support innovative and impactful requests from AISD students and teachers that are seeking funding for projects or opportunities for which the standard AEF Grants cannot or do not fund.

Permanent District Staff such as Administrators, Teachers and/or students can be awarded up to the full amount of their request (\$1000 maximum) for their project or opportunity, or a portion of their request at the discretion of the Fast Cash Committee. The application process is competitive as there are limited funds.

Application consists of a 7 minute, informal presentation to the Fast Cash Committee at their monthly meeting. The committee will take 5 minutes to ask follow-up questions. Then the applicant will be asked to step out of the room while the committee deliberates. A decision can happen the same day, or it can be delayed if a decision requires further deliberation. At the end of the committee deliberation, the applicant will be asked back in and the committee will notify the applicant that an AEF Board Member will contact them as early as the following day with the final decision. Successful applicants are prepared, creative, and they clearly delineate the need, intent, impact, educational value, and budget for their request.

The funds do have to be used in the calendar year in which your request is made, however, its implementation is subject to the discretion of the Fast Cash Committee.

Application Deadlines

- Application is open monthly at scheduled programs Committee Meetings.
- Presentations must be scheduled with AEF Staff at least one month prior to the Fast Cash Committee Meeting.
- A form must be completed with detailed information regarding your proposal and returned to the foundation. Please visit our website or contact the AEF office for the form.
- Turn-around time for approval varies. Some can be approved immediately after the completion of your presentation, while others may require further deliberation up to 3 weeks.
- 2 Week Turn-Around time for check disbursement from the time your application is approved.

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The Aledo Education Foundation exists to enrich teaching, inspire learning and maximize innovative opportunities for all students, teachers and administrators of Aledo ISD!