



**Writing a Winning
FEF Grants for Great Ideas!
Grant
2024 – 2025**



Where Do I Start?

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Creative



Dreams



Impact



Goals



Needs

Items to Think About

Does it support
Future Ready
Learning?

What are you
trying to
accomplish?

What is the
purpose?

How are you
going to
structure the
grant?

When do you
want to do the
grant?

Who is going to
do what?

Who else is
involved and
how?

What kind of
resources is
needed?

What is the
cost?

What is FEF Looking For in a Grant Idea?



Support Future Ready Learning



Be groundbreaking, novel, or modern



Encourage lifelong learning



Enhance the educational experience



Inspire students to learn



Solutions that meet new requirements



State of the Art but not adding technology equipment



Be innovative with new methods or ideas

Some Examples of Items NOT Funded

- Computer Hardware not pre-approved by district technology department
- Computer Software not pre-approved by district technology department
- Items affixed to district property (projectors, whiteboards, landscape, etc.)
- Projects not aligned with District Strategic Plan/ Curriculum (see your area instructional director with questions)
- Projects not approved by principal or supervisor
- iPads or Chromebooks
- Shared equipment already provided such as classroom sets of equipment or Materials
- Equipment/Technology taken off-campus
- Travel
- Payroll
- Staff Development, Conferences and Workshops
- Gift Cards
- Personal user accounts (iTunes, Amazon)

This is not a complete list of items not funded but rather some examples. Please contact FEF with any questions prior to submitting your grant.

Characteristics of Successful Grant Writers

- 💡 Prepare thoughts prior to beginning the application
- 💡 Write outside of browser first, then copy into the grant application
- 💡 Be creative and original
- 💡 Consider all steps if working alone
- 💡 Involve co-applicants for teamwork and divide up the roles
- 💡 Capitalize on the strength of your team or group
- 💡 Seek advise from grant recipient colleagues
- 💡 Emphasize project over materials

Develop a Timeline



Use a backward design from the due date

- Rough out the application
- Talk with your principal or supervisor
- Familiarize yourself with FSD approved vendor list
- Gather budget prices and quotes
- Discuss with others involved
- Review with tech specialists, if needed
- Finalize application
- Review with supervisor or colleagues
- Avoid last-minute submission

Writing Advice



AVOID ACRONYMS



BE BRIEF, YET CONCISE



BE POSITIVE AND
COMPELLING IN TELLING
YOUR STORY



HIGHLIGHT THE IMPACT
TO THE STUDENTS AND
THEIR LEARNING
EXPERIENCE



AVOID UNSUPPORTED
ASSUMPTIONS



CHECK SPELLING AND
GRAMMAR



FOLLOW FEF GRANT
GUIDELINES

Tips on Writing a Successful Grant

Ask someone to read
your proposal

- Have a Non-Educator review
- Is it clear and persuasive?
- Did you paint a vivid picture for the reader?
- Did you state your method and objective?
- Are all acronyms defined?

Connect proposal to
student instruction
and impact

- Align with District Strategic Plan and curriculum
- Explain grant's impact on student motivation for lifelong learning
- Prepare students for success
- Focus on areas for Future Ready Learners

Proofread your work

- Avoid relying on spell check

Exclude
campus/department
name

- Grant applications reviewed blindly

Overcoming Obstacles

- 💡 Align with district's strategic plan
- 💡 Connect to campus goals
- 💡 Set clear objectives
- 💡 Ensure measurability through feedback and performance
- 💡 Avoid acronyms and jargon -- Grant reviewers maybe non-educators
- 💡 Innovate beyond current practices
- 💡 Emphasize student engagement
- 💡 Schedule time

Budget Tips



USE FISD APPROVED VENDORS

Get accurate prices

Do not use catalog prices --- Check FISD approved vendor prices

Amazon is an FISD Approved Vendor, but verify the item(s) are included in the FISD Amazon Business list.



Ask about discounts



Get quote in writing

Ask how long they will honor the quote and if at all possible if they could honor through March 2025

Attach quote to grant application



Shipping costs needed? Or item available with free shipping?



Tax Exempt



Be specific on budget form

Funding only provided for items listed on grant application.

Keep record: Vendor Number, Item Number, Description, Price and Quote

Why Proposals Get Funded

*Proposal is original
and creative*

*Proposal addresses
an important need*

*Proposal aims to
assist an
underserved
population*

*Proposal introduces
new and exciting
ideas to the
learning
environment*

*Proposal impacts a
significant number
of students*

*Proposal inspires
and educates the
students*

*Proposal shows
innovative
approaches*

*Proposal is
engaging for the
reviewer*

*Proposal clearly
states methods,
objectives and
outcomes*

How are the Grants for Great Ideas Funded?

- 💡 The FEF Grants for Great Ideas! program is made possible by the generosity of donors to the Frisco Education Foundation.
- 💡 As an FISD employee, you too can make a gift in support of FEF Programs such as this. One way to donate to the Frisco Education Foundation is through the FEF Payroll Contribution Program.
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You are ready to begin!

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