



May 18, 2020

Dear Round Rock ISD Educators and Administrators,

On behalf of the Round Rock ISD Partners in Education Foundation we invite you to apply for one of the 2020-2021 Excellence in Education Grants.

The grant application will be processed electronically through Smarter Select. A direct link has been provided to Smarter Select that will lead you to set up an account. Once your account is set up you will have access to the grant application to make any changes or modifications to your grant up to the deadline on July 6, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

- **Deadline for applications July 6, 2020 (11:59pm)**
- **Winners notified in August 2020**
- **Maximum amount for Grant Request is \$5,000**
- **If selected, Grant Winners will provide a minimum of 5 pictures and 2 minute video of the grant in action as well as one paragraph (100 words) explaining how the grant impacted students/department/staff.**
- **Invite PIEF Board members, if possible, to see your Grant in Action**

Grants will be awarded for **grade-level, campus, multi-campus, department or district projects only.** (Grant applications for individual classroom projects, furniture, chrome books, computers, iPads, tablets or staff needs/salary will **NOT** be accepted). The evaluators will be looking for grant requests that bring innovation to the classroom, field trips, supplies, books and other tools that make significant and positive impact on student achievement and learning.

The application is in Smarter Select [online](#) or on our website under [Excellence in Education Grants](#). Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Warm Regards,

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Application Guidelines for 2020-2021 School Year

Purpose: The Round Rock ISD Partners in Education Foundation created the Excellence in Education Grant program to help provide educator groups and campuses with the resources and tools they need to most significantly impact student achievement.

Eligibility:

- To be eligible for this funding, your project must directly address:
 - a specific Round Rock ISD goal set forth by the Board of Trustees, or
 - a specific campus goal listed in the Campus Improvement Plan
- Applications will be accepted from:
 - a group of teachers at a campus (e.g. grade level team or an integrated team)
 - a whole campus
 - a group of teachers or administrators from multiple campuses
 - a central administrator
- Funds will be granted for one year only. For this grant period, the project must be implemented in the 2020-2021 school year and evaluated according to dates listed on application.
- Applications must adhere to district purchasing policies. Within the grant you must be able to check off that you have verification of approval from your Principal, Bookkeeper and Instructional Technology Specialist to verify use of authorized vendor, prices and technology that the district will support.
- If software licenses are a part of the grant application, they must be on the District ITS approved list.
- Meals for an event must be less than 40% of the requested budget

Grants will NOT be awarded for:

- Individual classroom projects
- Incomplete applications or those that do not adhere to the format guidelines
- Grants will **NOT** support:
 - flexible learning furniture
 - computers/laptops (includes iPads and chrome books)
 - salaries (including substitute teacher pay)
 - staff development (registration fees, lodging, food, travel)
- Costs and items that may be available through district, state or federal funding
- Requests which exceed the stated dollar limit

Format Guidelines:

- Your application detail can be saved and returned to by clicking the save button at the bottom of the application page. The application must be submitted electronically via Smarter Select.

Award of Funds:

- Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded.
- The size and number of awards will be determined by the amount of funds allocated by the RRISD Partners in Education Foundation.
- Each eligible application will be reviewed by a group of evaluators representing the RRISD Partners in Education Foundation and Round Rock ISD. After reviewing the applications, the grant review committee will determine whether to fully fund, partially fund, or deny funds for each project.
- All items purchased shall become property of the Round Rock ISD.



- Funds must be utilized by March 2, 2021 and projects must be completed by May 22, 2021. Remaining funds will return to the Foundation to assist other campuses.

Reporting and Evaluation (Grants in Action):

- Minimum 5 pictures and 2-minute video of your grant in action
- One (1) paragraph (100 words) explaining how your grant impacted your students/department/staff).

Notification of all Winners: You will be notified in August 2020

If you have questions or need assistance, please call Heather Goss at 512-464-5600 or email at Heather_Goss@rriseducationfoundation.org.

IMPORTANT DATES:

2020

July 6th: Applications DUE
August: Recipients notified

2021

March 5th: Funds must be utilized (unless previously approved)
March 12th: Project receipts due
April 9th: Final Photos/video* due to Foundation attention
May 21st: Projects must be completed

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