



# Innovative Teaching Grants

Guidelines for Grant  
Applications 2021

DUE DATE:

**May 7, 2021**

**Purpose:**

Innovative Teaching Grants are designed to encourage, facilitate, recognize and reward Innovative and creative instructional approaches to the accomplishment of program objectives. The Southside ISD Education Foundation is offering teachers and administrators the opportunity to apply for grants to support Innovative programs or projects to support higher levels of student learning. The grants must enhance student academic performance and support the objectives, goals, and initiatives related to curriculum.

**Persons Eligible to Apply for Grants:**

Individuals or teams of individuals employed by Southside ISD who are involved in the instruction of students are eligible to apply for a grant.

**Eligible Proposals:**

Instructional approaches or projects designed to begin during 2020-2021 school year, and which meet the selection criteria. Grants may fund instructional and classroom materials, parent involvement programs, or any activity or material which supports higher levels of student academic achievement.

**Award of Funds:**

Grants up to \$5000.00 will be awarded to individual teacher initiated programs or projects. The number of awards will depend on funds available from the Southside ISD Education Foundation.

**Selection Criteria:**

The degree to which the grant supports or includes one of the following; Southside ISD District Board of Managers Student Outcome goals, Campus Improvement Plan, DEIP and or curriculum goals. Grant is specifically designed to address an area of need substantiated by data. Specifically, by

- The degree to which student academic performance is emphasized.
- The degree to which sound evaluation procedures are incorporated in the proposal.

- The degree to which the proposal represents a creative or innovative approach to the accomplishment of objectives. (The proposal should address a new project as opposed to one accomplished or under way.)
- The degree to which the proposal is clear and logical, including (a) specificity of objectives; (b) clarity of description of instructional procedures, methods or treatments; and (c) correspondence among evaluative procedures, objectives and treatments.

**Submission of Grant Applications:**

All grant applications are to be delivered to the SISD Education Foundation Grant Committee in care of the Executive Director for the SISD Education Foundation. The Executive Director is Sylvia Rincon, her office is located at 1460 Martinez Losoya Dr. SATX, 78221.

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**Selection Process:**

1. Teacher initiated applications must be reviewed by a Campus Leadership Team selected by each campus for congruence with campus programs and **signed by the principal**.
2. Signed applications are due to the Southside ISD Education Foundation office, no later than the date selected by the Board of Directors.
3. Applications will be reviewed and commented on by the SISD Southside ISD Education Foundation Grant Application Review Committee.

The Committee will be made up of the following members;

Two Southside ISD Education Foundation directors appointed by the Board of Directors

A representative from the Curriculum and Instruction Department selected by the Superintendent or Asst. Superintendent of C & I.

(Southside ISD Education Foundation Board of Directors has the option to add others as needed)

4. If recommended for approval, the application is presented to the Board of Directors of Southside ISD Education Foundation in summary form for review and formal approval.
5. If approved by the Southside ISD Education Foundation Board of Directors, the recipient information is reported to the Superintendent to share with the Southside ISD Board of Trustees (or Board of Managers). The board, per policy, also approves grants monies donated to the district for this designation.
6. Applicants will be notified of decisions by the date specified by the committee.

**Responsibilities of Grant Recipients:**

- Use the awards for the intended purpose.
- Funds must be expended by project end date. Projects awarded must be fully implemented by the end of the project.
  - Project must be fully implemented and final report submitted at the end of project
  - **Final Report must have been submitted to the Southside ISD Education Foundation before recipients can submit an application for another grant**
  - Agree to share successful procedures in future staff development sessions.

**When applying for a grant, please remember the following:**

- Write the name of your campus in the application.
- Grants are to be used to fund projects that cannot be provided for the school and district budgets.
- Objectives and outcomes should be consistent with the goals of your school and the district.
- Grants cannot be used to fund teacher training. When creating your budget, research carefully and be realistic. Small grants are just as likely to be awarded as large grants.
- Download and fill out the Supplemental Answer Page and Budget Spreadsheet. Save as a PDF and upload to the Google Form.

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- Partial funding will be considered. Funds will not be awarded for budgeted items available from district resources.
- Projects awarded must be fully implemented by the end of the Project Completion Date.
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## Tips for a Successful Application

### Statement of Need:

- Describe the area of student achievement you wish to address and give any data that supports the need. Please include how this grant addresses district and campus goals and/or curriculum.
- Keep the statement simple and straight forward.
- Demonstrate how project relates to the District/Campus Improvement Plan(s). Or District Student Outcome Goals

### Objectives:

- Limit the number of objectives.
- Imply or state evaluation in the statement of objectives.
- Be specific.

### Description of Proposed Project/Activity:

- Describe overall purpose and scope.
- Show how the project supports the purpose and scope.
- List steps to be followed in project implementation
- Relate project to purpose and scope.
- Be specific.

### Evaluation:

- Relate to stated objectives.
- Indicate how you will know whether the project was successful.

### Partners:

- Are there other organizations who will participate in this project?  
(Community/Civic Organizations)
- What will their roles be?

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Criteria for Approval Reviewer Score Sheet

Application Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator#: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Please rank the effectiveness of each item with 3 being high and 1 being low. Circle the number that best describes each statement.

| Criteria  |   |   |   | Weighted Amount | Weighted Total |
|---|---|---|---|-----------------|----------------|
| Need is clearly stated. Supports districts and campus goals.  | 3 | 2 | 1 | X3              |                |
| Objectives are specifically stated and measureable.   | 3 | 2 | 1 | X2              |                |
| Activities/procedures specifically stated and relate to purpose and objectives. Innovation is apparent. | 3 | 2 | 1 | X3              |                |
| Evaluation strategy is clearly stated and relevant to the objectives and student performance.           | 3 | 2 | 1 | X2              |                |
| Budget is complete, realistic, accurate and Appropriate.  | 3 | 2 | 1 | X2              |                |
| Project includes participation and support of parents,community,and/or business partners.               | 3 | 2 | 1 | X1              |                |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>  |   |   |   |                 |                |

Please check the statement below that best describes how you would rank this application.

- I Definitely recommend funding this project.
- I recommend partial funding for the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- I recommend funding this project if there were extra money.
- I do not recommend funding this project.

Additional Comments {please use back if necessary}

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Grant Reviewer Collective Score Tally Sheet

Reviewer Name or#-----

Once you have reviewed and scored each grant, insert your score for each grant on the appropriate line. Return this form to the Chair of the Grant Review Committee.

| Grant # | Grant Title                              | Score |
|---------|--|-------|
| 101     | Sample – Fifth Grade Science Outdoor Lab | 85    |