



EXTENDING THE EXCELLENCE OF TETON COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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What is the Purpose of the Program?

The purpose of the program is to provide all district teachers with quick access to funding for student enrichment activities. Grants might be for unanticipated opportunities or expenses within a single classroom or collaborative projects on behalf of a team of teachers. Teachers may apply for up to \$100, or combine their awards if applying as teams or grades.

Why is This Program Beneficial to the School District?

The point of this collaboration is to: (1) encourage and streamline the grant request process for teachers; (2) pool and grow resources; (3) avoid duplication of efforts; (4) ensure that grant requests have Principal approval; and (5) provide classroom support for all schools in the district.

What is the Application Process?

Teachers print out a one page application from the Teton County Education website at tetoneducationfoundation.org. They are asked to provide a short description of the project and how it will impact students. They must get the Principal's signature on the application for approval. If the Principal signs the application it is approved and funded through the teacher's school agency account.

How is the Program Funded?

Every elementary school PTO or parent group contributes \$50 per classroom towards this program. Funds are remitted to the Teton County Education Foundation. This \$50 per classroom from the PTOs is then matched with \$50 from the Education Foundation. The Education Foundation works throughout the year to raise sufficient match funds to ensure that there is \$100 per teacher available. In the case of upper schools with no PTO organizations, grant funds have been used to fund the program.

When Are Funds Available?

The grants program is open to teachers in January. Funds are remitted to the Teton County Education Foundation by elementary PTOs. The Education Foundation combines all funds and then disburses them to TCSD#1 where the funds are deposited into individual school accounts. Each school has an account called TCEF Classroom Grants Program.

How do Teachers Access the Funds?

Teachers are reimbursed by their individual school's TCEF Classroom Grants Program account, not by the Education Foundation. Teachers follow the same process they might use to be reimbursed for other classroom expenditures.

Who Is Funding the Program This Year?

The Collaborative Classroom Grants program is funded by the **Community Foundation of Jackson Hole, New Initiatives in Public Education, all elementary school PTOS, Breakfast Rotary Club of Jackson Hole, and Wells Fargo Bank**. The Education Foundation is working to grow this list of partners!