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Grant Guidelines

Who should apply for a grant?

Grant applications are welcome from any Hopkinton Public School professional staff member including teachers, administrators, librarians, specialists, guidance counselors, occupational and physical therapists, technologists, coaches, etc. Collaboration across classrooms, grades, and schools is highly encouraged.

What types of projects are funded?

Each year, the Hopkinton Education Foundation appeals to Hopkinton school staff members to apply for grants for projects that:

- are innovative
- have a direct and immediate impact on the largest number of students
- have sustainability for future use (a pilot program for example)
- develop critical thinking skills
- do not conflict with the District Strategic Plan

What types of projects are typically not funded?

Education Foundation grants are not intended to replace or relieve the responsibility for public funding of public education nor are they intended to provide supplemental funding for normal budget growth and maintenance. Grants are typically not awarded for:

- budget shortfalls
- compensation shortfalls
- capital improvements
- equipment purchases that are not part of a specific project
- ongoing maintenance of existing programs, whether or not, those programs were originally funded by an Education Foundation grant

We highly encourage you to talk with your school liaisons to review grant proposals prior to submission. The liaison role is designed to assist you in preparing applications for success.