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D300 Foundation Innovation Grant Application

Thank you for your interest in the D300 Foundation's Innovation Grant Program. Our mission is to enhance, enrich and extend learning opportunities for all D300 students. The Innovation Grant Program is made possible through donated funds.

Foundation grants are intended for new, innovative programs designed to enhance and enrich student learning beyond the scope of programs already funded by the District.

Guidelines:

- Grant requests cannot exceed $1,250.
- Grant proposals must align with current District 300 curricula and technology standards.
- The Foundation will no longer be accepting grant requests for:
  - Furniture (alternative seating, desks, etc.)
  - Computers (iPads, Laptops, Chromebooks, etc.)
- Foundation funds cannot be used for transportation, teachers' stipends, or food.
  - Grants which include these, must submit a letter of commitment with the grant application from the vendor or source providing the transportation, stipends and/or food.
- Purchases must be through approved District 300 vendors.
- **ALL** Innovation Grant applications ***require your building principal's approval***. This approval ensures that the appropriate administrative personnel are aware of your request, it meets district goals, supports student achievement and is not already funded within the school budget.

Technology requests:

- If you answer yes to any of the questions below, you will need to email your project description to John Hummel (john.hummel@d300.org) first and receive his approval ***PRIOR*** to submitting your grant application to the Foundation.
  - Does your grant idea involve the use of technology within the classroom?
  - Does your grant idea include the purchase of computer software or Apps?
  - Does your grant idea include the purchase of hardware components requiring an interface to a computer? (i.e.: digital cameras, digital microscopes, robots, etc.)
  - Does your grant require student accounts on the internet?

** Please submit your project description to John Hummel no later than **January 22, 2027** to ensure there is enough time to research technology requirements before the Innovation grant submission deadline date.

Remember:

- Innovation Grants cannot exceed $1250.
- Please be specific and provide details to assist with the evaluation of your application.
- Do not use acronyms without explaining their meaning.
- Attach document(s) showing the items being purchased and their costs. Include all web links if available.
- All grant requests are reviewed by the D300 Foundation Projects Committee, along with CUSD300 Administration to ensure the proposed project meets Foundation objectives and current District 300 curriculum and technology standards.

The Innovation Grant Application Form is available online at www.d300foundation.org.
Innovation Grant applications will be accepted until ***February 12, 2027***.

Innovation Grant Application Instructions (cont.)

Completed applications will be reviewed by the D300 Foundation Projects Committee, including representatives from the D300 Superintendent's Curriculum and Technology departments. *All grant applicants will receive notification in mid-March of the status of their application.*

Grant funds will be available in May 2027, and must be expended by March 15, 2028.

At the conclusion of your project, you will be **required** to submit an evaluation report including pictures of your grant project. This evaluation report is reviewed by Foundation Trustees and CUSD300 Administrators. The D300 Foundation must be credited on all project materials, publicity, signage, etc. Suggested credit line: "X was made possible by a grant from the D300 Foundation for Educational Excellence". Also, your name(s) may be used for publicity purposes.

If you have questions regarding this process, please contact the Foundation at d300foundation.org or email Foundation Trustee, Dr. Bill Doran at BillDoran10@gmail.com

We look forward to many innovative ideas!

Submission deadline is Friday, February 12, 2027

**** A preview of the grant questions appear on the next page.****

Innovation Grant Application Questions:

1. What is inspiring you to write this grant? Describe the need in the classroom/school learning environment prompting you to apply.

2. Describe your program and how it creates an innovative learning experience.

3. Explain how this learning experience relates to State Standards. Do not list the standards, tell us what group of students is served by this project.

4. Budget -Your purchases must be through a District approved vendor. List supplies and other expenses needed in order to implement your project. (No Estimates) You may attach a document showing the items being purchased and their cost below.
Budget - submit file(s) here

5. Evaluation - What will the evaluation process be and how will you determine if this project was successful?

6. Evaluation - Describe the benefits received by the project's participants.

7. In what form do you plan to make the results (products) of this project available to other educators? (Reports, presentations, sharing materials/resources, etc.) Any products such as pictures and/or exhibits that lend themselves to publicizing this program are encouraged and help promote the Foundation.