



Cleburne Education Foundation

2025-26 Impact Grant Instructions

Thank you for applying for a CEF Impact Grant. Impact means to make a significant impression or have a major effect. **Impact Grants are awarded up to \$5,000.00.** Our Board and Grants Review Committee are very appreciative of your commitment to your students and is excited to see your IMPACTFUL ideas!

Read and review instructions CAREFULLY!

- Download the application. Save the document as a PDF using your name and 2023 Impact Grant in the filename, i.e. Sarah Smith 2025 Impact Grant. Downloading the application will allow you to work on your application, save it and return to it later.
- To ensure anonymity during the selection process, please do **NOT** include any names of teachers or staff, the school, the campus mascot or any other identifying information in the title, body of the application or budget/quote information. **That information should be provided on the Cover Sheet only. Grants MUST BE TYPED!**
- Only one grant application will be accepted per teacher.
- Grants requests should be for a minimum amount of \$1,000.00.
- A teacher may receive an Impact Grant for two consecutive years and then becomes ineligible for additional funding until after one year has passed. The teacher would become eligible for funding after one year without receiving CEF funds.
- All grant applications **must** be approved by the campus principal or department director. *Please make sure to get your proposal to your principal/director in a timely manner so they can read and make suggestions.* No applications will be considered after the deadline.
- Project applications must directly and positively affect student achievement/outcomes. It is important to indicate the number of students that are expected to benefit from the project, now and in the future.
- Please be sure to mention if your grant proposal will incorporate matching funds from your school, department, and/or school parent organization, or community resources. Such outside contributions are not required but are a sign of commitment to the project and multiply the effectiveness of the grant award.
- **Proofread** your application to ensure that someone who does not know your project will understand it. **We highly recommend asking a colleague to proofread your work. Do not use terminology or acronyms that a reviewer outside of education would not recognize or understand.** Please be very descriptive. If you are requesting a microscope, tell us how a microscope works, how it will be used in your classroom, why it's important to student achievement and how your students will benefit from receiving the microscope. Please double-check your spelling and grammar before submitting your application.
- Make your application stand-out with your enthusiasm and description of your project. Give the reader a window into your classroom.
- All project activities must comply with CISD policies and procedures. Upon completion, please scan and email the document to pharris@cleburneeducationfoundation.com or print and deliver to Central Office for placement in the CEF mailbox. Applications must be received by **4:30 pm on Tuesday, January 21.**

Grant Deadline: January 16, 2024

➤ Budget Details:

- **Make certain your Budget Total matches Amount Requested on other pages.**
- Items that can be reused in future years are highly encouraged so that your work can continue.
- All purchases under these grants become property of the Cleburne Independent School District.
- Please provide as much vendor detail as possible. Company, contact person, address, phone number, email, etc. Make sure all budget numbers match throughout your application.
- Please read the Helpful Tips on creating your budget.

➤ Awarding of Funds:

- Impact Grants are funded up to **\$5,000**.
- The Grant Committee has the discretion to determine whether to fully or partially award any grant. The CEF Grants Committee uses an unidentifiable selection process for all grant requests so favoritism is not a factor.
- Applications will be scored using the Score Sheet that is included in these instructions. A minimum score of 75 is required for consideration for funding.

➤ Grants will NOT be awarded for:

- Salaries (including substitute pay) and stipend compensation
- Monetary incentives
- Costs for items which are already available through campus, district, state or federal funding
- Student Incentive Programs
- Technology items and equipment are eligible for funding, but must be an integral piece of the project and contribute to increased student learning. Items must not be provided for in the CISD technology budget, campus budgets, bond budget, or state or federal funding budgets.

Grants will be considered for ideas that enhance classroom instruction for reading, social studies, music, language, grammar, art, physical education, career, health and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and social/emotional learning and coping skills.

Please call Paige Harris at 817-202-1199 or email pharris@cleburneeducationfoundation.com further information. Thank you!