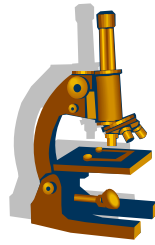
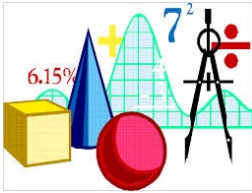




Freehold Borough Educational Foundation
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2026

GRANT GUIDELINES

***** NEWLY REVISED *****

The Freehold Borough Educational Foundation is pleased to announce the **2026 Grants Program** to assist you and your students in creating new opportunities for teaching and learning *not funded through the normal school budget process*. The continuing goal of this program is to spark innovation in our schools and to **give teachers and staff an opportunity to put their creative ideas to work in our classrooms.**

Over the years, the Grants Program has been highly successful thanks to the input and ingenuity of our teachers in the Freehold Borough school district. Since our founding in 1999, we have funded nearly \$500,000 in grants to teachers and staff in the district.

Grants awarded through this call for proposals can be instituted anytime during the Spring 2026 semester or the Fall 2026 Semester.

ONLY TWO TYPES OF GRANTS WILL BE OFFERED FOR THIS ROUND:

1. Individual Grants of up to \$1,000, meant to serve one teacher, one classroom and one project idea.
2. Collaborative Grants of up to \$2,500, meant to serve two or more teachers that can fund projects involving multiple classrooms, departments, or whole schools.

*Unfortunately, due to limited funds, the Foundation **will not be able to underwrite the Grade Level Super Grants**, up to \$5,000, meant to fund a project serving the teachers and students for an entire grade.*

Additionally, the Foundation will not be able to fund any grant requests for classroom furniture.

Applications will be reviewed on a competitive basis, and a *limited number will be awarded in this round.*

Grant applications will only be accepted electronically this year. You can access the application at: <https://fbef.org/grants-in-action/apply-for-a-grant/>

Special instructions are provided on the on-line application for confirming your principal's approval for grant submittals.

Deadline for submission: Friday, November 14, 2025. If you need more time, please contact us.

Winners will be announced in January, at which time the funds will be transferred to the Board of Education for disbursement.

Please take a moment to review the attached ***Grant Criteria*** and the ***Foundation's Mission Statement*** and ***Primary Funding Areas*** prior to beginning your proposal.

The committee will consider the following regarding the applications submitted:

1. Is the statement of the proposal project clear?
2. Are the objectives clearly stated? Are the methods, needed materials, resource personnel, tentative schedule, and completion date specified?
3. Is the budget request reasonable and sufficiently detailed?
4. Is the project *innovative*? Is this a new project or similar to other projects in progress?
5. Are the project's learning outcomes clearly defined and is there a workable method for their assessment?
6. Does the application meet the stated Grant Criteria? Does the nature of the project fall within the Foundation's Mission and Primary Funding Areas?

The selection committee is comprised of trustees, administrators, and past grant recipients who are not applying in this round of applicants. Based on the committee's recommendations, the Foundation will take one of three actions: 1) approve the application for funding; 2) return the application with suggestions for resubmission, or 3) reject the application.

SPECIAL NOTE: Prior to review by the selection committee, the Foundation will collaborate with the District Director of Curriculum to ensure appropriateness of each proposal as it relates to the District's educational objectives.

A recommended source for project ideas is the IES What Works Clearinghouse website. This clearinghouse is a collaborative effort of the Institute of Education Science and the US Department of Education. It is considered to be "central and trusted source of scientific evidence for what works in education." <http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/>

Good luck! On behalf of our trustees, we look forward to receiving your application.



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GRANT CRITERIA

- Must comply with the Foundation's mission (see below).
- Must relate to the Foundation's stated goals or primary funding areas (see below).
- May include fees to bring in outside experts or artists but not to pay salaries or stipends to school personnel.
- Must be innovative and/or creative (not used to conduct normal school curriculum).
- May include equipment or materials but only if they directly provide the means to achieve the educational outcomes stated in the application.
- Must conform to the dollar-award guidelines (see application).
- Must be completed within the stated timeframe.
- Funds must not be available from traditional sources (school budget, PTO, etc.).

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING PROPOSED TRIPS: *The Foundation supports important experiential learning opportunities for our students, and teachers have identified some wonderful trips in the past grant applications. In recent years, the cost of busing alone has increased dramatically, at times exceeding the cost of the experience itself. With this in mind, the Foundation encourages applicants to consider educational trips that are available closer to home that would fulfill the same goals. For example, Monmouth County has an excellent county park system offering a broad range of programs (both on-site and in-school), as do other county and federal agencies and nonprofit organizations. Not all education experiences are available locally, but when they are, taking advantage of them would allow the Foundation to support more grant applications in a given year.*

MISSION

It is the mission of the Freehold Borough Educational Foundation to enhance the quality of education and educational opportunities and to generate and distribute financial and other resources for the benefit of the students of the Freehold Borough School District for selected programs and projects. The Foundation will carry out its mission by focusing its support in the following areas: **facilitating student development; encouraging excellence through creative learning and teaching; and promoting community/school partnerships.**

PRIMARY FUNDING AREAS

TECHNOLOGY AND LEARNING

Projects and programs designed to promote and maintain use of the most recent technologies in teaching and learning and to provide experiences for students that will prepare them for the workplace and learning place of the 21st century.

SCHOLASTIC ENHANCEMENT

Fulfilling a variety of needs for students and teachers designed to provide learning opportunities beyond the core curriculum.

ARTS AND EDUCATION

Experiences and programs in the fine arts and performing arts that will enhance opportunities for students in the arts as well as promote lifelong enrichment and enjoyment of the arts for students, faculty, and the community at large.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Providing funds for teachers and administrators to pursue innovative training experiences in support of foundation goals and that would not otherwise be available through traditional resources.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Programs aimed at exposing Freehold Borough School District students to a wide variety of cross-cultural experiences that will help in preparing them for our increasingly global economy.
