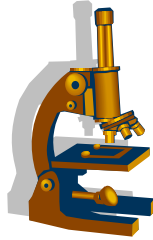
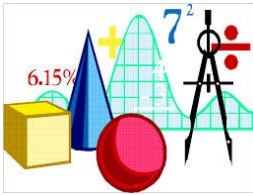


2027

TEACHING INNOVATION PROGRAM

GRANT GUIDELINES

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



The Freehold Borough Educational Foundation is pleased to announce the **2027 Teaching Innovation 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, our grant program has grown into a tremendous success, thanks to the creativity, dedication, and ingenuity of the teachers and staff of the Freehold Borough School District. Since our founding in 1999, we have awarded nearly \$500,000 in grants to support innovative ideas and meaningful educational opportunities for students throughout each of our schools.

Grants awarded through this call for proposals can be instituted anytime during the Spring 2027 semester or the Fall 2027 Semester.

TWO TYPES OF GRANTS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR THIS ROUND:

1. Individual Grants of up to \$1,000, meant to serve one teacher, one classroom and one project idea, and;
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.

A CAVEAT:

In the past, FBEF was able to offer Grade Level Super Grants of up to \$5,000 to support projects serving teachers and students across an entire grade. Due to limited funds, the Super Grant

program is currently under review as we evaluate our funding priorities and available resources. However, we reserve the right to consider a Grade Level Super Grant if funds become available. If you and your colleagues have an idea for a Grade Level Super Grant, please follow these steps:

1. Share your idea with us. Send a brief description of your proposed project to info@FBEF.org. *This is not a grant application, but a pre-step for the foundation to consider should funding become available.* Please include the grade you hope to serve, a general description of the project, and an estimated amount of funding needed.
2. Wait for FBEF's review. The Board of Trustees will review your concept and determine whether funding may be available to support a Grade Level Super Grant.
3. If funds are available and the concept is approved for further consideration, FBEF will contact you and invite you to move forward with the full grant application.
4. Only after receiving an invitation from FBEF should you complete and submit the regular grant application for your Super Grant proposal. *Please do not complete the grant application before receiving approval from FBEF to proceed.*

A FEW MORE POINTS:

- 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.*
- **Deadline for submission: Friday, November 20, 2026. 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.

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 bussing 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 any given year.

SELECTION PROCESS:

The Foundation's Grant Committee reviews all grant applications and makes recommendations to the entire Board of Trustees for final action. The committee is comprised of trustees, administrators, and, at times, 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:

- Approve the application for funding
- Return the application with suggestions for resubmission
- Decline the application

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

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?
7. Does the nature of the project fall within the Foundation's Mission and Primary Funding Areas?

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

Please take a moment to review the attached ***Foundation's Mission Statement, Grant Criteria,*** and ***Primary Funding Areas*** [here](#).