Grant Writing Suggestions:

- An innovative idea can be a new way of looking at something you already do OR an idea you've always wanted to try but you just don't have it in your regular classroom budget.
- **Read the grant information carefully. We do _not_ fund furniture including alternative seating. We do not fund incentive awards/rewards such as stickers, t-shirts, food etc. We do not fund items that should be provided by the school district (such as iPads or computers)**
- Well written grants are usually scored higher. **DO NOT** copy and paste information from a website. Grammar and spelling do count.
- Assessments should be measurable and specific. This does not necessarily mean a test. If you are going to use a checklist or some other teacher-made assessment include a copy. Student testaments, written logs, journals and other student produced evidence of what was learned are valid but need to be described in detail.
- Make your budget specific. If ordering supplies, you must document each item in your budget. Make sure your budget matches the amount of money you request.
- Make sure that the items included in your grant are tied to an innovative idea. For example, a set of books alone will most likely not be funded. A set of books that is tied to an additional learning activity (cross-curricular, multi-age, student products developed using what they have read etc.) has a better chance of funding.
- Student cost ratio is important. A high cost per student may receive a lower score. The more students affected the better the chance of funding (materials that are reusable and will impact future students are viewed positively).
- **School Resource Grants** should involve a significant portion of the student population. The grant can involve the entire school population, multiple grade levels or a single grade level.
- **School Resource grants** must also be tied to innovative learning opportunities.
- We do not fund school maintenance, physical improvement of school facilities or storage, as we feel these are the responsibility of the Beaufort County School District.
- All grants should include some manner of project oversight.
- If your project involves technological, electrical or other BCSD district central office requirements you must first check with the district that all aspects of your grant follow BCSD protocols before submitting your grant.
- All South Carolina fire standards must also be followed.