



3rd Annual GRANT AWARDS

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The Gregory-Portland Education Foundation (G-PEF) is proud to announce the 3rd Annual awarding of teacher grants totaling **\$17,155.14** this year for **23** innovative teachers across all G-PISD campuses. These grants will fund innovative programs for **1,431 students** in this school year alone, and many more in future years. Programs are set to begin in G-P classrooms as early as Spring 2022. *Questions? Call or text: 361-332-1476.*

G-PISD School / Campus	Program Title	Award Amount	Grant Winner(s) (Individual or Team)	About the Program
G-P High School	Physics, CTE, CTE Certification	\$ 2,462.97	Jonathan Turner Alison Teinert Liz Abel Brandi Dickey	Physics, Astronomy, and Environmental Sciences will come alive using drones and UAVs for applied learning and experimentation involving 9 th –12 th grade students at G-PHS.
	Crazy Evolutionary Traits	\$ 2,009.28	Katie Sullivan Beth Bennett Erin Allen	Wooden ‘crazy trait’ models will be used to help 9 th – 10 th grade students understand challenging concepts in genetics and evolutionary biology.
G-P Middle School	Adaptive Equipment to Empower Students	\$ 2,500.00	Sarah Paseur Jane Gordon	A toolbox of sensory equipment will be purchased to support this team’s comprehensive plan of action to increase peer social engagement for students in special education.
S.F. Austin Elementary	Spell This!	\$ 872.94	Britney Baker	Students will identify spelling patterns and build phonemic awareness through this program using a variety of proven strategies for literacy.
	Coding Spectacular!	\$ 2,309.95	Britney Baker Samantha Baumgardner	3 rd – 4 th Graders will learn to build and code robots through this engaging and rich learning opportunity designed to foster an early foundation and exposure to STEM fields.
	A Deeper Dive into Graphic Novels	\$ 1,000.00	Katrina Garza	Learners in 4 th Grade, including struggling and reluctant readers, will benefit from this program using high-interest graphic (artistic/comic) novels to engage in book study with analytical skill development through small group discussion.
T.M. Clark Elementary	Kinder ‘Garden’ from Farm to Table	\$ 2,500.00	Amy Radford Stacy McNeal Sandra Aleman Shannon Forsythe Peggy Hamrick	Some of our youngest learners will be engaged and excited to learn about agriculture and nutrition through the “farm to table” process while understanding life science, and developing literacy and artistic skills tied to this project.
	Making Sense of My Senses	\$ 2,500.00	Cydra Rodriguez Kimberly Hernandez Carol Gallia Veronica Davalos	K-5 th graders will receive support to improve concentration skills, with funding to provide a sensory-focused, positive learning environment.
	Creator Mini-Bot	\$ 1,000.00	Magen Altieri	Students in the school Robotics Club will benefit from understanding circuitry, energy, and early engineering concepts through this project.
TOTAL GRANT FUNDING AWARDED:		\$ 17,155.14	Nine (9) Programs / 23 Teachers / 1,431 Students	