

FUNDING PROPOSALS, GRANTS, AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

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In order to offer the best educational opportunities possible for students of the district, the board will seek ~~as many~~ **external** sources of revenue as possible to supplement the funds provided through local taxation and the basic aid offered by the state.

The superintendent will notify the board of all funding proposals that are accepted.

Donations from Private Sources

The district accepts donations of money, securities, property, etc. from private sources for scholarships, staff development, and other educational improvement purposes.

Such gifts will be approved by the board, administered by the superintendent, and used as instructed in the terms of the gift or bequest.

The board will not accept bequests, endowments, or other gifts if the conditions of the gift remove any portion of the public schools from control of the board.

School and District Grant Awards

The district will request and accept grants from state, federal, corporate, and private sources. All grants sought by the district will be coordinated through **the district grant writer** (~~insert title here~~), reviewed by the chief **administrative and planning officer or designee** ~~operations officer~~, and approved by the superintendent **or designee**. **The purpose of district-level grants should be to generate resources that advance the priorities of the district strategic plan in attaining the mission of the school district.**

All grants sought by schools will be coordinated through the district grant writer, reviewed by the director of elementary education and/or director of secondary education, and approved by the school principal. The purpose of school-level grants should be to generate resources that support the educational mission and priorities of each school, as articulated by the principal and the school's leadership team.

Crowdfunding

Crowdfunding is the practice of funding a specific idea or project by raising small donations from a large number of individuals. This typically occurs on the internet through the use of various platforms (e.g. Donors Choose).

All crowdfunding activities will be coordinated through the district grant writer, reviewed by the director of elementary education and/or director of secondary education, and approved by the

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school principal. The purpose of all school-level crowdfunding activities should be to generate resources to support the educational mission and priorities of each school, as articulated by the principal and the school's leadership team.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall create administrative procedures to effectuate this policy and provide guidance to school district principals and other school staff on how best to approach fundraising, grants and crowdfunding activities.

Adopted ^

Legal References:

A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 59-19-170 - Acceptance and holding of property by trustees.
2. Section 59-69-30 - Investment of funds held for an educational purpose.