# Community ISD Education Foundation
# 2026 Guidelines for Grant Applications

**PURPOSE:**
Community Education Foundation (CEF) is offering teachers and administrators the opportunity to apply for grants to support innovative programs or projects for high levels of student learning. The grants must enhance student academic performance and align with CISD curriculum and district initiatives.

**GRANT TYPES AND AMOUNTS:**
- Individual Teacher or Paraprofessional Grants (up to $750)
- Department Grants (up to $3,000)

**GRANT CRITERIA:**
Each Grant Application should generally:
- Address the priority of campus or district goals
- Improve student learning
- **Enhance** the curriculum in an original or innovative way
- Align with CISD curriculum, goals, objectives, and initiatives
- Be clear, logical, and complete

**PROJECTS THAT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING INCLUDE:** incomplete grant proposals, transportation, payroll, professional development, travel, field trips, gift cards, curriculum, books, club t-shirts, consumables, and items already covered by CISD.

**GRANT SELECTION PROCESS:**
The Grant Review Committee, comprised of the following members, will review the applications:
- Education Foundation Board of Directors
- Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction reviews for alignment to curriculum and district initiatives

The Grant Review Committee will score based on the published rubric associated with this application and make a recommendation. Recommended grant applications are presented to the CEF Board of Directors for approval. If approved, the grants will then be presented in May 2026.

**HELPFUL HINTS:**
- Discuss your grant idea with your principal before submitting it to ensure it reflects CISD goals and objectives
- **Projects should involve students directly and as fully as possible.** A film developed for classroom use, for instance, should ideally be written and produced by students.
- Grants may be used to compensate experts or resource speakers who work with students, but generally are not used to pay teachers, staff, or substitutes.
- Funds may be used to purchase equipment, but not when these are ends in themselves. Equipment should be only one component of a well-planned program/project integrated with other curriculum materials and activities.
- Please explain all acronyms and abbreviations
- Ensure your grant application has no reference to campus or teacher name(s)
- Check to see that you have included all required signatures and/or approval forms

**Deadline for Grant Submissions:**
**April 1, 2026, at 11:59 PM**

**If you have any questions, please contact the Community ISD Education Foundation at**
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