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Mini Grant Submissions

Spring 2026

Christy Goodman

Art Teacher

- **Why:** The Art Department would like to fund LA's Pre-K-8 art show, including the Middle School Art shows each trimester, and the Jefferson County Elementary & Middle School Art Shows. This grant would help to showcase our amazing artists and build our Lincoln Community. All students in Pre-K-8 are invited to join the Lincoln Art Show in the spring, and all of these events will be available for our entire community to attend.
- **Cost:** \$500



Item: Pre-K-8 art show funding

Impact: 100+ students

Total Cost: \$500

Christy Goodman

Art Teacher

- **Why:** The Art Department would like to request a mini grant to fund the Legacy Project, which consists of 20 students who create permanent artwork left at Lincoln to continue to beautify our campus.

Item: Legacy Project supplies

Impact: 20 students

Total Cost: \$500

- **Cost:** \$500



Leslie Taylor

DSS Teacher

- **Why:** I am requesting funding to purchase two grade-band licenses of Simplify Writing curriculum (grades 3–5 and grades 6–8) to support students who receive special education services in written expression. Many of our students demonstrate significant skill gaps in sentence structure, grammar, spelling, organization, and idea development. These challenges affect their performance across content areas and limit their ability to clearly communicate their understanding in writing.

- **Cost:** \$494



Simplify
Writing®

Irregular Plural Nouns

stay the same		change oo to ee	
fish	fish	foot	feet
sheep	sheep	tooth	teeth
deer	deer	goose	geese
change to -en		other	

Item: Simplify Writing curriculum

Impact: Special ed students grades 3–8

Total Cost: \$494

Ansley Cowan

Kindergarten Teacher

- **Why:** Kindergarten does many crafts throughout the year to accompany our Core Knowledge curriculum and help students make connections between what they're learning to something concrete and authentic. Many of the crafts require materials that must be replaced each year, and teachers' budgets do not cover all of the cost for these materials. We would like to restock our craft supplies, so that we will be able to do these fun hands-on activities for the remainder of this year and into next year.
- **Cost:** \$508.43



Item: Craft supplies for Kindergarten

Impact: All Kinder this year & next

Total Cost: \$508.43

Evie Wilson

Kindergarten Teacher

- **Why:** I am requesting funding to participate in professional development focused on the Secret Stories instructional strategy and to obtain an updated edition of the text. This research-based approach provides explicit, engaging phonics instruction through memorable stories that help young learners understand the “why” behind English spelling patterns. In our school, most K–2 teachers already incorporate Secret Stories into their literacy instruction. By being “on the same page” as my K-2 colleagues, I can reinforce the same strategies and vocabulary that my students encounter across classrooms, strengthening retention and transfer of skills and supporting long-term reading success.
- **Cost:** \$149 (kit) + \$200 (workshop)



Item: Secret Stories kit & workshop

Impact: 23 students + future classes

Total Cost: \$349

Riley Takata

3rd Grade Teacher

- **Why:** I am requesting funding to purchase new student cardboard privacy offices for my third-grade classroom. These offices are used daily to support focused, independent learning during reading, writing, and math instruction, as well as during classroom and district assessments. Currently, the set in my classroom was passed down from a previous teacher and is heavily worn. Many of the offices are torn, bent, unstable, or difficult for students to use effectively. Student privacy offices play an important role in helping students build independence, confidence, and sustained attention.
- **Cost:** \$35.99



Item: Student privacy folders

Impact: 29 students and 2 staff

Total Cost: \$35.99

Asami Nash

8th Grade Math Teacher

- **Why:** We have been taking the 8th graders to Elitch Gardens the last few years as their last 8th grade field trip at Lincoln. The students have enjoyed one last get-together time with their peers whom they have spent their school life together for 9 plus years. This has been a positive experience for our 8th graders before they go off to high school.
- **Cost:** \$174.30 (difference of students' tickets) + \$129.96 (chaperones) + \$9.99 (process fee) + \$445 (bus)



Item: Elitch Gardens 8th grade field trip

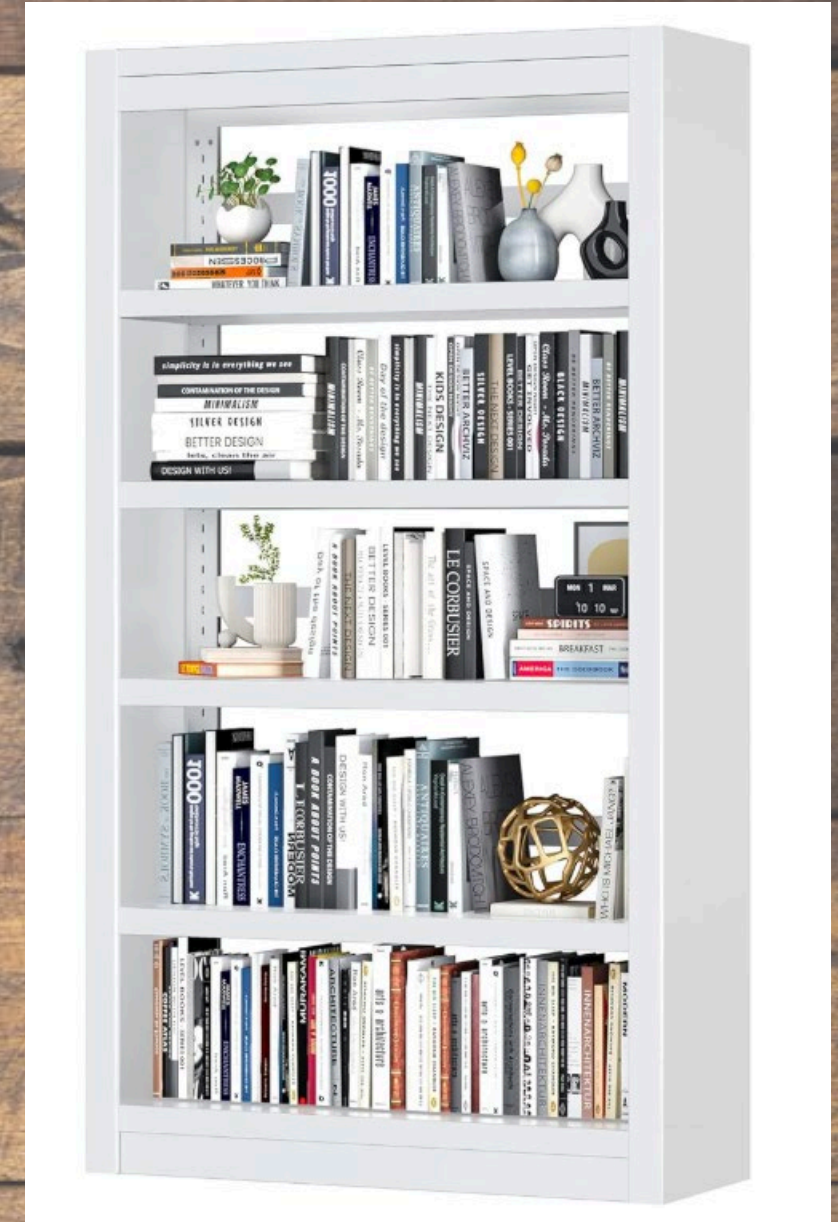
Impact: About 70 students and 8 staff

Total Cost: \$759.25

Brooke Euser

4th Grade Teacher

- **Why:** I would like a new bookshelf (or two) if possible! I did have a few bookshelves in my room when I “moved in”, but many of the shelves were broken and/or missing pieces. I have quite a large classroom library and would like a sturdy bookshelf (or two) that would last longer than half a year!
- **Cost:** \$139.99 x2 (or cheaper alternatives)



Item: Metal bookshelf(s)

Impact: Classroom library

Total Cost: \$139.99

Norm Meindl

Facilities

- **Why:** Facilities would like to purchase a type of small LED lantern/flashlight for each classroom. These would be in addition to the flashlights they already have in their Go-Bags. These would serve the classroom and provide an easier way to light bathrooms in individual rooms in case of power outages. Due to high ratings, two ways to charge, long battery life, compact, flashlight capability, and waterproof design.
- **Cost:** \$125 per 24 pack



Item: LED lanterns for classrooms

Impact: All classrooms

Total Cost: \$250

Heidi Rienstra

8th Grade Science Teacher

- **Why:** I am requesting funding to purchase large white poster boards and large sticky notes to strengthen visual learning in my Grade 8 science classroom. Science concepts are often abstract and many middle school students struggle to fully grasp ideas and processes. This year I have been intentionally increasing the use of visuals (diagrams, models, anchor charts) and I am already observing improved student engagement, confidence and conceptual understanding.
- **Cost:** \$65 (poster boards) + \$41 (sticky notes)



Item: Poster boards & sticky notes

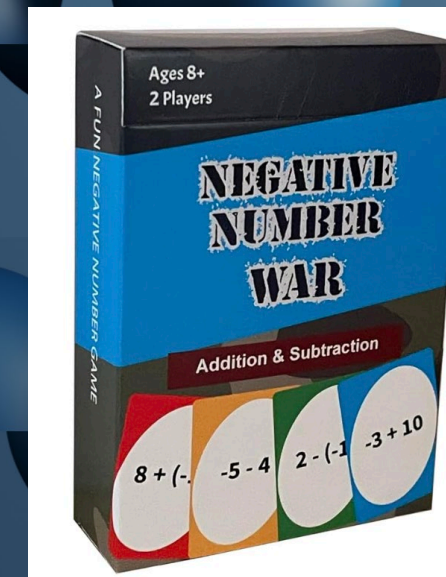
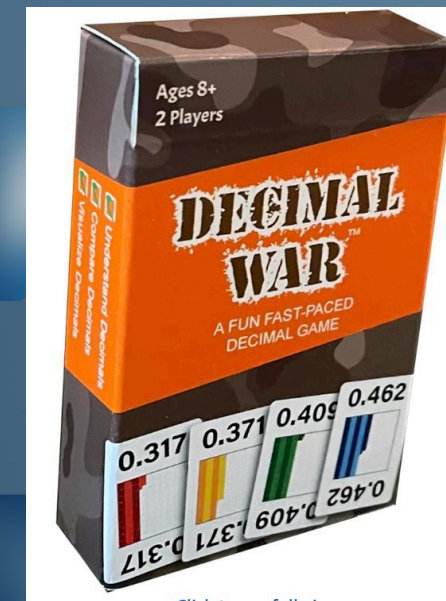
Impact: All current & future 8th graders

Total Cost: \$106 + tax

Taegen Haller

6th Grade Math Teacher

- **Why:** I am needing calculators and a couple of math games. My students all use calculators and while I have some, I would like to have a full set (30) of scientific calculators. I would also like to purchase two card games of war related to math — one dealing with negative numbers and the other with decimals. Students struggle with these concepts and the games would be a fun and engaging way for them to practice.



Item: Calculators & math games

Impact: All 6th graders

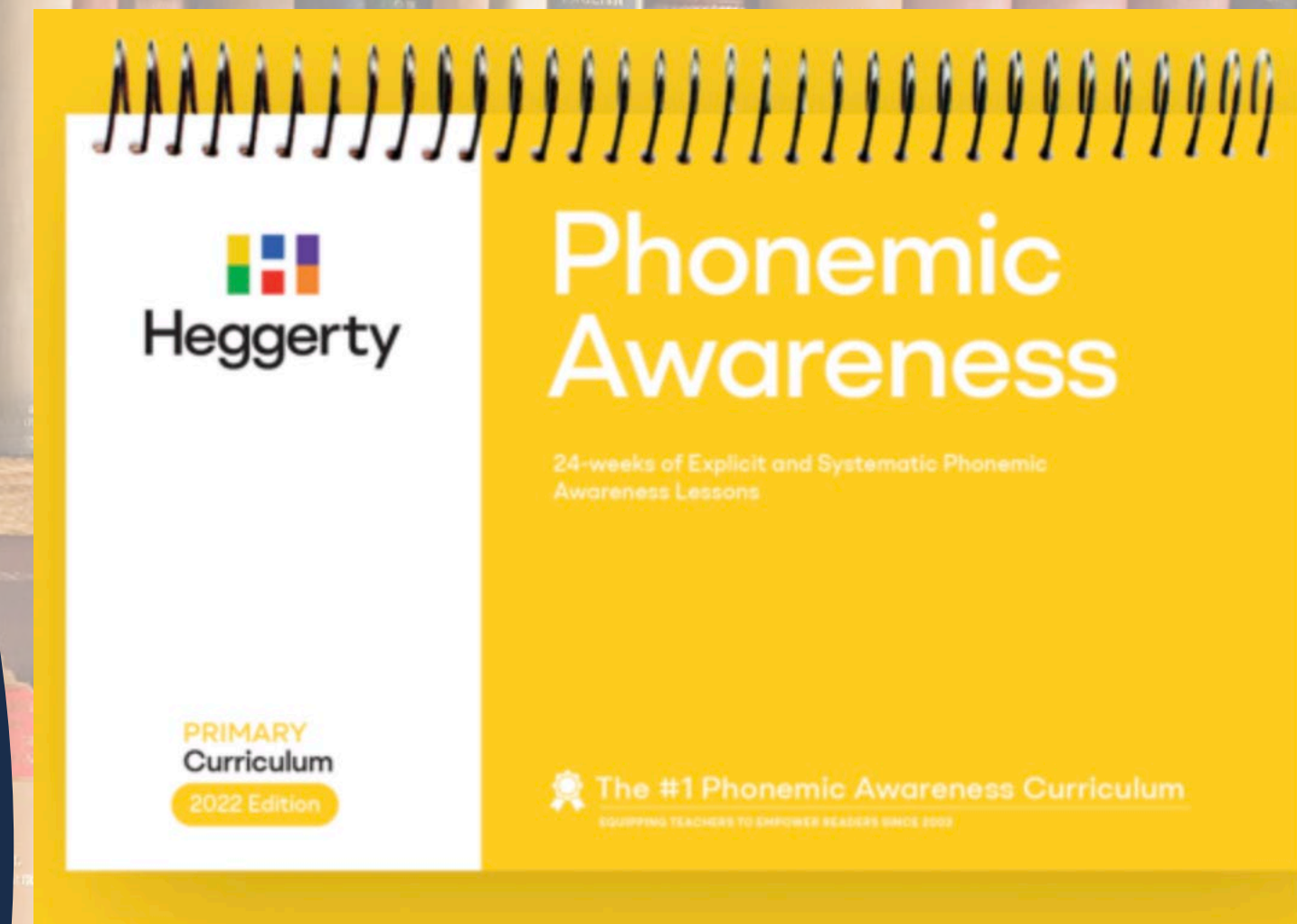
Total Cost: \$164 + tax/shipping

- **Cost:** \$79.99 (calculators) + \$83.92 (card games)

Jeanne Coyle

K-4th Grade Special Ed Director

- **Why:** We would like to buy 3 copies of the Heggerty Primary Phonemic Awareness Teacher's Guide. Phonemic Awareness is a critical skill for students who are struggling to learn prereading and reading skills. The Heggerty program is very scripted and easy to use, is arranged sequentially, and can target the skills our students need. Since we are teaching at the same time, 3 books are needed for daily use. This curriculum pairs well with the Orton-Gillingham and Open Court Curricula that we use at Lincoln and addresses the phonemic awareness skills more intensively.
- **Cost:** \$89 each x 3 + \$34.04 shipping



Item: Heggerty Phonemic Awareness guides

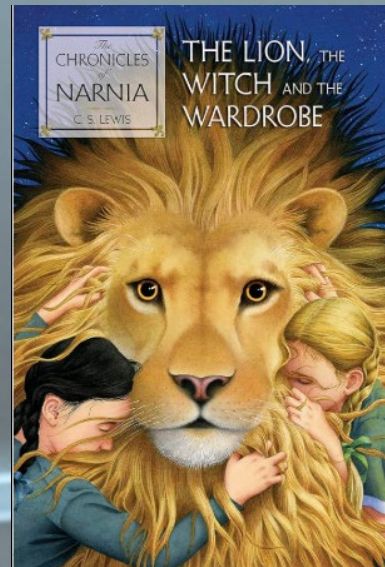
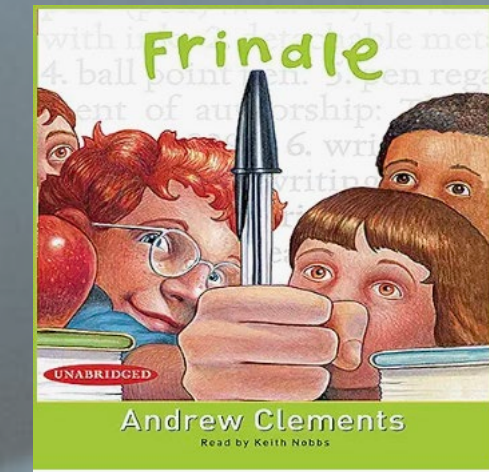
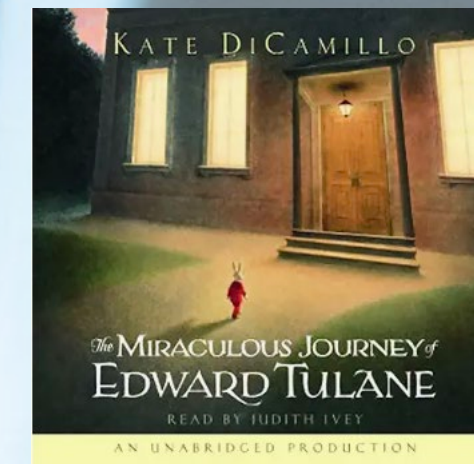
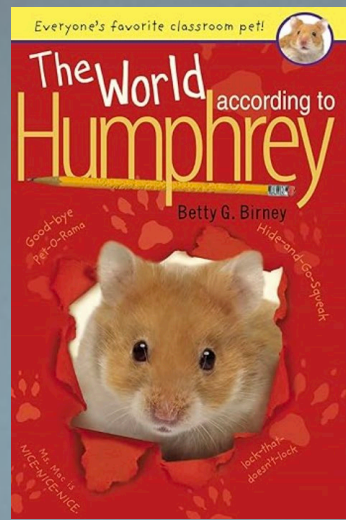
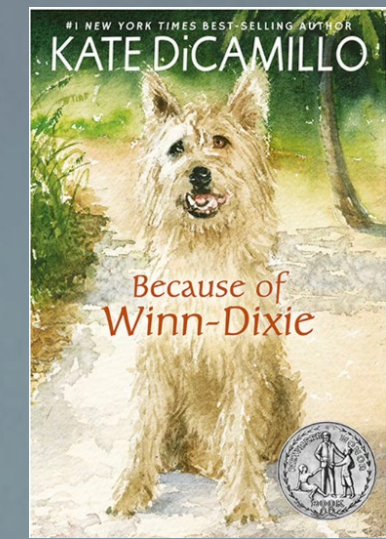
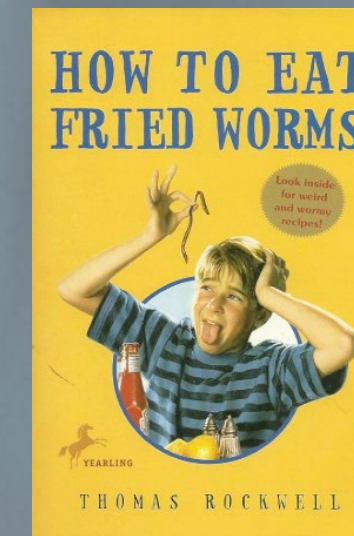
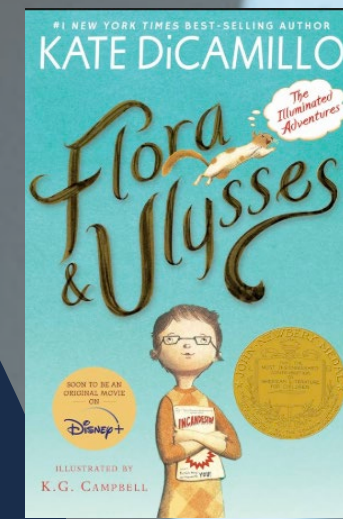
Impact: 35–50 special education students

Total Cost: \$299.04

Anna Christopherson

3rd Grade Teacher

- **Why:** I am asking for funding for book sets for our classroom. My goal is to foster a love for reading and boost fluency and comprehension. I am asking for sets of books with several high-interest titles. Students will form book clubs with specific roles and tasks. This will be an opportunity for students to explore chapter books, connect with one another through conversation, and boost their confidence and love for the written word!
- **Cost:** \$352.24 + \$31.70 shipping



Item: Book club sets (7 titles in sets of 8)

Impact: 29 students this year & beyond

Total Cost: \$383.94

Heidi Rienstra

8th Grade Science Teacher

- **Why:** I am requesting more sound-dampening panels. There is an echo that constantly happens within the room that increases the volume of the space quite quickly and I am on a mission to try to help alleviate that as much as I can. The auditory panels will help students in the space for science class, student government, and during ASH time. Staff who use the space for meetings will also benefit.
- **Cost:** \$20–30 per 12-pack



Item: Hexagon acoustic panels

Impact: All current & future 8th graders + staff

Total Cost: \$150–200

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