



Mission Statement

The Educational Foundation of Lake County, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) that serves as the direct support organization for the Lake County Public School District. The foundation is autonomous from the school district but partners with the district to provide programs and services for all teachers and students in K-12.

Teacher Impact Grant Guidelines

The Educational Foundation Board of Directors allocates monies each year for direct student and direct district support. These funds include Teacher Impact Grants. These grants can be used for specific needs of teachers, students, classrooms, school programs & equipment. Evaluation criteria includes:

- student impact
- longevity
- other potential funding sources
- measurable success
- alignment with District priorities and Strategic Plan (link will be provided)
- alignment with Education Foundation Funding Policy (link will be provided)
- All requests must adhere to the Lake County School Board purchasing policy 7.70 (link will be provided)

Generally, the foundation does not fund requests for:

- field trips & tours
- transportation,
- fees and tuition,
- band or athletic equipment or uniforms
- general operating costs and overhead
- building improvements

Exceptions may be made on a case by case basis at the sole discretion of the board.

FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS

For a proposal to receive consideration, the attached Funding Request Application must be received no later than one week prior to the monthly board meeting (second Wednesday of the month).

- If the request is over \$2,000.00, the applicant must receive program approval by their school principal and the superintendent or their designee.
- If the request is over \$5,000.00, the applicant must receive program approval by the superintendent or their designee.
- Curriculum and capital expenditure (other than building improvements) requests must have prior approval from the superintendent or their designee.
- All requests for classroom libraries must be approved by the media specialist and principle. (classroom libraries are limited to \$500)
- Normally, The Foundation does not support projects on a continual or annual basis, preferring to distribute its limited funding to many projects.
- When the Foundation receives a request for repeat funding, the board carefully reviews proposals for other sources of funding and/or in kind support.
- If a project has received funding from the Foundation for the past two consecutive years, the project request may be denied.

All program receipts and a final impact report must be submitted to the Foundation by May 15th of the funding year. If the applicant misses the deadline but submits a final grant report by June 30th, they will be eligible to apply after one academic year. Applicants that do not submit a final grant report by the deadline of June 30th will not be considered for future funding.
