



Innovation is Essential! Through Teacher Grants, the Issaquah Schools Foundation provides funds to explore and implement new ideas in the classroom that can then multiply across the district.



<https://isfdn.org/grants>

The Foundation is looking to fund ideas that:

- **Show innovation in teaching.** New ideas on how to reach students most effectively.
- **Pilot new ideas that are scalable.** They may benefit a limited number of students to start, but if the idea works well, can be expanded to benefit multiple schools.
- **Offer equity to our district.** Not every school has the same level of PTA support, so we want to be sure all students are getting similar opportunities at each building.
- **Clearly articulate impact.** Grant can show clear impact it will have on students and/or teachers using measurable outcomes.

Who can apply? Any teachers, staff members and administrators in the Issaquah School District. Parents can write grants on behalf of a teacher or staff member with approval. All grant applications must be approved by a school principal or director at the district level.

Have an idea but need assistance writing the grant? Email us for resources.

What? There are two levels of Teacher Grants:

- **Classroom Enrichment Grants (for amounts up to \$3,000)** often center around testing an idea on a smaller scale (classroom, resource center, etc.) to determine if it could have broader impact.
- **Kateri Brow – Big Idea Grants (for amounts from \$3,001 to \$10,000)** fund programs (maybe across teaching teams or schools) responding to a compelling need that reflects innovation in education.

If a request is for a single classroom at a single school and is less scalable and/or innovative, we ask that you seek funding from the building budget and/or school PTA first. If that funding is not available and the principal is supportive, then it would still be appropriate to submit the grant request to the Foundation. Also note the guidance on books, flexible seating and professional development in the application.

Where? Find all supporting materials and apply online here: <https://isfdn.org/grants>. In addition, there will be information sessions held in October, 2024.

When? Applications open in September and are due by Monday, November 27. Grant award announcements are in late January.

Why? Why not? If you have an idea, let's see if we can make it happen!

Questions? Contact Laura Gaffney l.gaffney@isfdn.org