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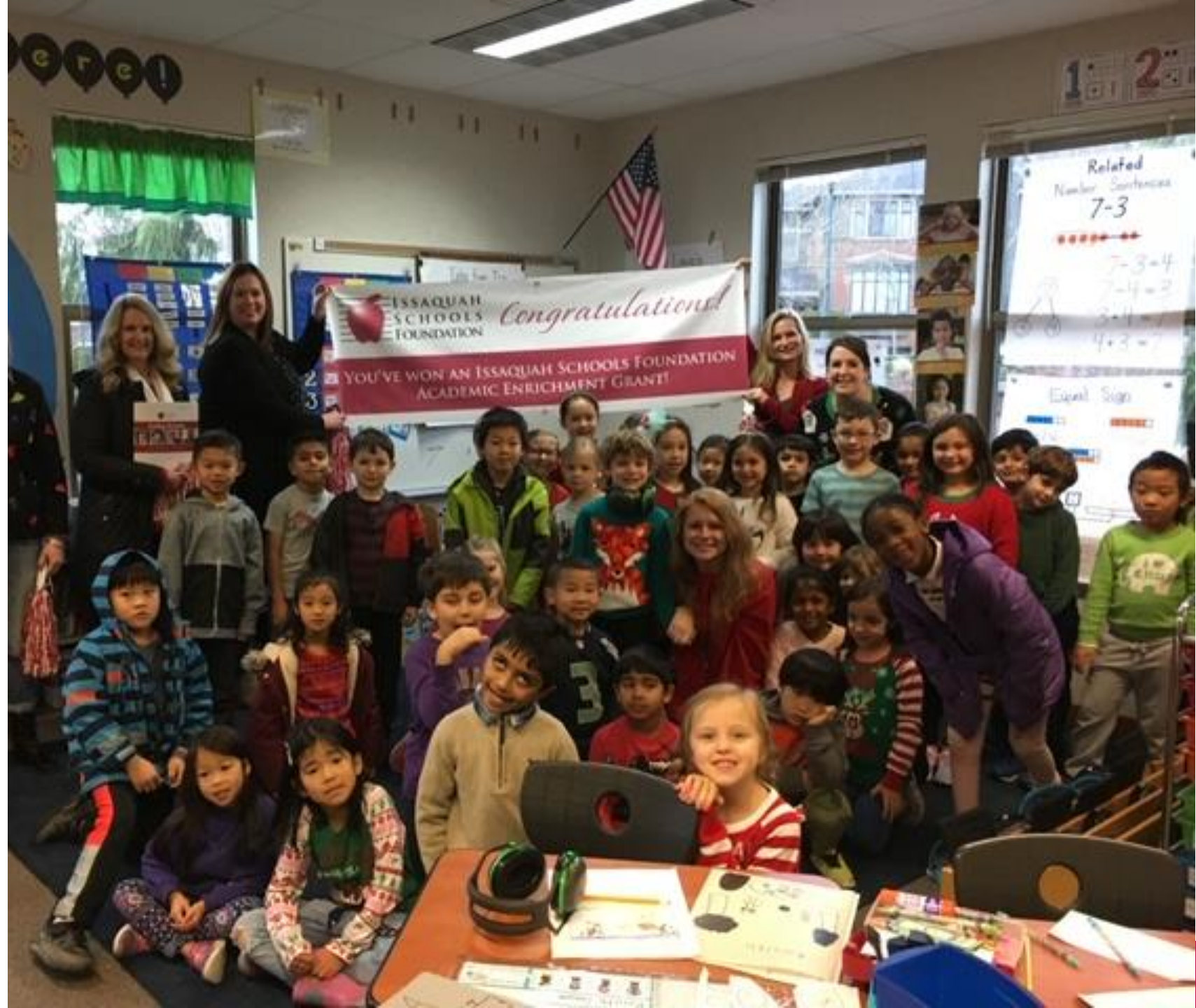
Fueling Success

for every student, every school.



Grants Workshop FY23: Sept 7 & Oct 6

- What we fund
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- Grant application process & tips
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What We Fund

2022-23 Foundation Priorities

Academic Support & Enrichment

Mental, Behavioral, & Social Emotional Support

Basic Student Needs (at school)

Community Outreach & Inclusivity

Foundation Grants

Pilot Innovation

Demonstrate Impact & Scalability

Offer Equity

Open to all teachers, staff, and administration to apply

- Parents/PTAs can also support or apply with principal/teacher approval.

Types of grants available

Classroom Enrichment Grants (up to \$3,000) enhance the learning environment of individual classrooms, libraries, computer labs, resource centers and schools.

Kateri Brow Big Idea Grants (\$3,001-\$10,000) fund programs (often across teaching teams or schools) responding to a compelling need that reflects innovation in education.

FY23 Budget: \$60,000

Number of grants funded based on quality & quantity of applications received.

Previous Winning Grants

Classroom Enrichment:

Ukuleles for multiple elementary school music programs

Non-fiction refresh of school library

3D Printer for Robotics

Kuta Software for Math Customization & Differentiation

Kateri Brow Big Idea Grants:

Adaptive bicycle experience for LRC 2 students across the district

Literacy STEM Labs

Learning Ally Audiobook program pilot

Radio station & studio

Pongo Poetry Writing Workshop

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I apply for more than one grant at a time?

A: While you may submit as many grant applications as you have ideas, the Foundation will award no more than two grants per applicant.

Q: What if my program extends over multiple years?

A: You may apply for funding for 3 years for the same grant, but then you must take a one-year hiatus. Be advised that multiple year funding is never a guarantee!

Q: Can I ask the Foundation to pay time for program implementation?

A: Yes. However, when preparing your budget for teaching time, the Foundation uses the curriculum rate not the per diem rate. Please include the cost of benefits in the personnel cost on your budget.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are there any types of requests the Foundation will not fund?

A: We do not fund any grant the ISD Cabinet does not deem appropriate and aligned with current district goals and curriculum. That's why principal and/or district director approval is required.

Note on Flexible Seating: We are working with the District on the potential for a broad-based solution to flexible seating options and so will not review grant requests for individual classroom flex seating at this time.

Q: Will the Foundation pay for Professional Development?

A: Yes and no. The Foundation will pay for groups to attend professional development opportunities that are approved by the district, but not individuals.

Q: Will the Foundation sponsor my conference?

A: No. The Foundation does not sponsor conferences.

How to Receive Funding

Steps

Step 1: Discuss with key parties (teaching team, administration, PTSAs) and seek approval from your principal or district ED as they will have to sign off on your grant application.

*Talk to Director for any specialty area prior to applying. (i.e. Special Ed etc.)

Step 2: Submit Your Proposal by **November 13, 2022**

ONLINE at: <http://isfdn.org/grants>

KB Presentation Night: January 12, 2023 for those who are asked to present

Step 3: Receive Notification of Funding – End of January

Step 4: Spend the money by **July 2023**

Step 5: Complete a Final Report

The online application

<http://isfdn.org/grants>

Access through our Foundation website on the grants page

- Also there: a PDF of the Application and Judging Rubric

The link to apply for grants will lead you to the Smarter Select software we use for this process.

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Grant Application Process & Tips

Grant Application

Begin with the end in mind – What are you wanting to accomplish and how will you measure success?

Title – Please make descriptive and clear.

Description

Show your passion! Include a clear, concise, compelling description of the project. Define the goals, methodology & educational foundation for implementing.

Approach

Share why you chose this approach and if it brings an innovative solution to an issue. What makes your idea better than current practice?

Student Impact & Outcomes

Describe how students will benefit from this project and how it will enhance the education process. Explain what measures you will use to evaluate the impact of the project. Being able to show impact is important.

Grant Application

Budget

A detailed budget must be attached to your application. Include shipping fees, sales tax etc. as applicable.

Signature Page

Each application must be approved by a principal or district director. Complete the signature page and upload with your application.

Both of these items must be completed separately and uploaded as attachments to your online application. Forms found on the grants page.

Grant Application – items to note

Review the judging rubric before you begin your application.

Show Support – Have you talked with others? If you are implementing something across a teaching team, is there buy-in?

Reflect Previous Learnings – Have other buildings or schools outside the District had success or learned from a similar program?

Judges look carefully at requests for technology. These requests need to be closely tied to student learning. If hardware/software is involved, do you have confirmation that it is compatible with and supported by district tech personnel?

Flexible Seating – These options have become almost a standard. The Foundation is working with the district on how to support this in a holistic manner vs. one-off grants.

Don't use acronyms – not everyone will understand what you mean.

Remove any school identifying information – We use a blind judging format to ensure a fair process. Please keep an eye out to remove any accidental mentions of your school, location, student population, etc.



Grant Review Process

1. All grant applications are vetted by ISD.
2. Applications are evaluated by the entire panel of judges in a blind judging process.
 - There may be follow-up questions or requests for additional clarifications.
3. Judges discuss the applications as a panel and then independently score each grant.
 - For **Kateri Brow** grants, judges will identify the top applications to present their proposal to the judges on **January 12, 2023**.
 - Judges meet after the presentation to discuss and then rescore the grants.
4. Top scoring applications receive funding and winning applicants are announced at the end of January.

What we expect from you

Recipient Commitments: Final Report

Final Reports must be completed by all grantees

Reports are due **January 31** of the year following the grant award
(Extensions are provided if necessary)

Reports include:

- Impact data: Number of students supported, scores, etc.
- Anecdotal quotes and stories from the program
- Pictures of the program 'in action' that can be used in Foundation social media
- Successes, challenges and lessons learned



Recipient Commitments: Thank You Notes

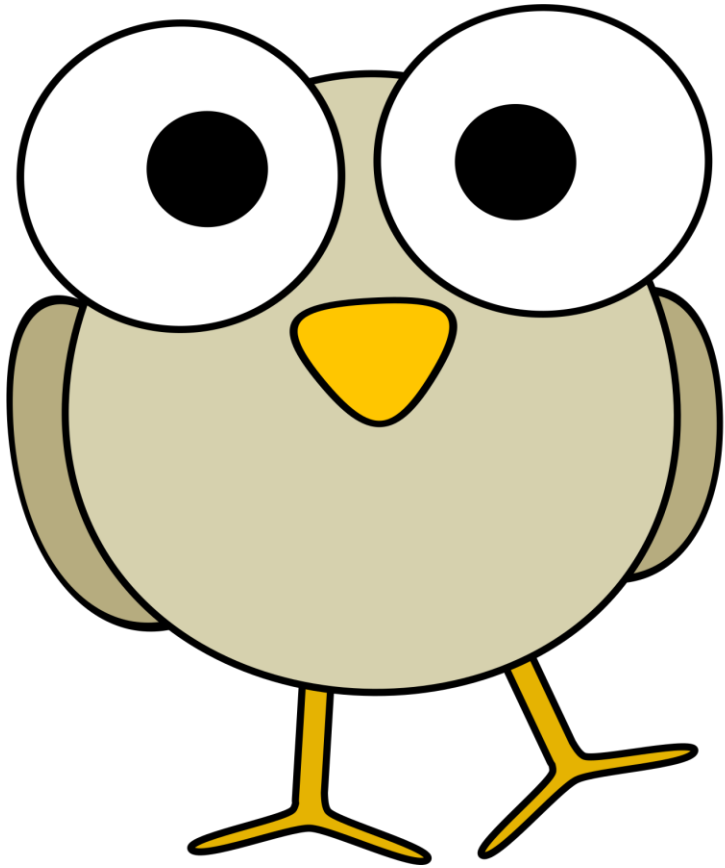
You will need to facilitate thank you notes from your students to our Issaquah Schools Foundation donors.

We will provide you with note cards when you receive notification that your grant has been funded.

Community Awareness

Issaquah Schools Foundation donors provide the funds that we pass to you in the form of grants. The more aware community members are of the way the Foundation impacts schools, the more they are willing to support the Foundation – and grants.

As a grant recipient, please communicate the value of your grant to the larger community, both inside and outside your school.



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Questions?

Thank you for your time!



FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US IF
YOU THINK OF OTHER
QUESTIONS



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