

Grand Forks Foundation for Education - IMPACT GRANTS

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The Grand Forks Foundation for Education provides private support for new and enhanced educational opportunities in the Grand Forks Public Schools. Since 1991, the Foundation's Mini-Grants program has funded hundreds of classroom and district projects. In 2006, the Foundation added Impact Grants as an additional means of support. Impact Grants will provide larger awards, ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000, for higher level projects in the Grand Forks Public Schools.

Criteria for Impact Grants: Impact Grants are a catalyst for ideas or projects that are capable of having a lasting influence on a district-wide curricular area or grade level, or on a significant portion of students or educators at one or more schools. Ideas or projects must have school district administrative approval.

Who can apply: Any educator or group of educators in the Grand Forks Public Schools.

Application deadline: February 15. Applicants will be notified within about 45 days of the deadline. Ideas chosen for funding may be asked to submit additional information.

To apply for Impact Grants: Contact Foundation Executive Director Emilia Hodgson (call 787-4866 or email ehodgson290@mygfschools.org) to briefly discuss your idea or project. If your idea or project fits the criteria for Impact Grants, you will be encouraged to submit a letter (no longer than two pages) to the Foundation. In the letter, *use sub-headings to outline the following information in the following order:* A description of your idea, and the need or problem that it seeks to address; a description of the main activities needed to implement your idea, and who you expect to be involved; the expected level of impact, and how impact will be measured; the amount of Impact Grant funds needed, including a list of what you expect to be the major cost elements; if other funds are already committed to your idea, and/or on-going funding will be needed to sustain it, tell about those funds. Letters must be signed by one applicant, who will serve as the contact person for the project, and by an administrator who has reviewed the project for prior approval.

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION to:

Grand Forks Foundation for Education, Inc.

Via interschool mail (no postage required): Grand Forks Foundation for Education (MSEC)

Via U.S. Mail: PO Box 5475, Grand Forks, ND 58206-5475

Applications are NOT accepted via e-mail or fax.



Impact Grants are made possible by a special permanent fund that was established in 2004 with the generous support of Bill Brown, a Grand Forks Central High School graduate in the Class of 1936. The purpose of The Bill and Shirley Brown Endowment is to enrich public school education in areas of curriculum recognized by the Grand Forks Public School District.