The Bastrop Education Foundation (BEF) is offering BISD teachers and administrators the opportunity to apply for grants for innovative programs or projects to support higher levels of student learning. The grants must enhance student academic performance and support the objectives, goals, and initiatives of the Campus Improvement Plan.

1-Innovative grants are defined as grants that support new and original methods and ideas which promote creative thought and higher level thinking. The objectives stated in an innovative grant will challenge students to participate in active, meaningful, engaging, and real world learning opportunities and experiences that inspire them to obtain a deeper knowledge of the materials they are studying. Examples of these grants include: project-based learning, integrated learning, and STEM innovation.

2-Supplemental grants are defined as grants that support the overall classroom learning environment and the successful performance of students. Examples of these grants include: college-ready materials and Advanced Placement exam fees, guided reading materials, classroom sets of books, technology that support the regular, classroom instructional program (i.e. microscopes). Note: The request for technology alone is not considered innovative. It is meaningful learning opportunities and experiences that are gained through the use of technology that determine whether the grant is innovative or supplemental.

Eligible proposals include instructional programs, projects or activities scheduled to occur during the 2020-2021 school year that meet the selection criteria. Examples of previous grants award are located at www.bastropeducationfoundation.org.

BEF funds are not available for personnel costs or professional development costs associated with the grant proposal. Student transportation costs may be considered for funding only if those costs are associated with a project/activity being requested. No more than 10% of the travel request will be awarded for student travel. Educators may reapply for grants that were previously awarded (renewals), provided the program or project has been fully implemented and the final report submitted to BEF. Funds are not available for the following expenses: Food, student rewards and prizes, or supplies that the school can provide.

Grants of up to $2,500 will be awarded to programs or projects initiated by an individual educator. Grants of up to $7,500 will be awarded to programs or projects initiated by campus teams, departments and the district. The number of awards will depend on funds available from BEF. The BEF reserves the right to use discretion to make awards greater than $7,500 for program proposals that by their nature (e.g. targeted to impact large numbers of students or are systemic in nature -- serving students in more than one grade or school, etc.) may require greater funding to implement.

Please complete the BEF grant application on or before January 31, 2020. The principal will review your application to determine if it supports the goals addressed in the Campus Improvement Plan.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF GRANT RECIPIENT ............

1-Use the award for the purposes intended.
2-Agree to host site observations conducted by BEF.
3-Fully implement the project and submit a satisfactory Final Report to BEF at the completion of the project, but no later than March 31, 2021.
4-Communicate with BEF on publicity related to the grant.

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Spark Learning Grant Timeline for 2020-2021

JANUARY 6, 2020  Grant application officially opens (electronic application only).

JANUARY 8, 2020  Optional Grant Writing Workshop
                 BISD Service Center

JANUARY 31, 2020 Grants due to campus principals for review and approval (campus secretary must pre-approve all vendors before grant is sent to principal)

MARCH 31, 2020  Grant selection day

APRIL 2020  Grants awarded

MAY 2020  Processing and ordering of grant materials

SEPTEMBER 2020 - MARCH 2021  Grants implemented

MARCH 2021  Final reports due

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