



## 2023 - 2024 Innovation Grant Information

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Wilson Area Partners in Education Foundation is committed to ensuring the highest level of educational innovation supporting students, faculty and staff with community involvement in a partnership of lifetime learning.

**PURPOSE:** The Wilson Area Partners in Education Foundation is pleased to offer Innovation Grants to fund projects that fall outside of conventional building or departmental budgets and promote the Foundation's mission, vision, and values. The goal of this grant is to foster creativity in the strategy and execution of an educational initiative, to encourage involvement with families and/or Wilson Area community members, and to support the use of new technology or experimentation in learning.

**FUNDING:** Requests for projects ranging \$500 - \$4,000 will be considered.

**PROJECT PERIOD:** Grants must be implemented during the 2023-2024 school year.

### APPLICATION TIMELINE:

Step 1: Submit a one-page Project Brief to WAPEF between 7/3/2023 and 9/15/2023

*The brief should outline the scope and nature of the project, the estimated number of students to be impacted, and a rough cost estimate.*

Step 2: Select applicants will be invited to apply in full by 9/29/2023

Step 3: If invited to apply, submit full application by 10/16/2023

Step 4: Grant recipients will be announced by October 25, 2023

Questions should be directed to Kimberly Hopkins, Executive Director of the Wilson Area Partners in Education Foundation, [khopkins@wilsonareasd.org](mailto:khopkins@wilsonareasd.org) / 484-373-6088.



## 2023 - 2024 FAQs for the Innovation Grant Application

### Who may apply?

*Certified Teachers, Teams of Teachers, Departments and Administrators of the Wilson Area School District are eligible to apply.*

### What projects are eligible?

- *Projects that represent a fundamental advancement in the manner in which particular curriculum is taught*
- *Projects that provide a significant and defined benefit to students*
- *Projects that represent a new (or rethinking of an existing) educational initiative or enhance a program in place*
- *Projects that have potential for replication or dissemination among teachers and/or schools in the district*
- *Projects that explore, use, and integrate new technologies*
- *Projects that expand student experimental opportunities*
- *Projects that engage families and/or communities in education*

### What are the requirements for applying?

- *Submission of a Project Brief- No more than one page, describing the scope, nature, and impact of the project along with an estimated budget.*
- *Full application submitted using a supplied Google Form, including a complete narrative and budget for invited applicants.*

### How can the funding be used?

*Funds can be utilized for educational materials and supplies, computer hardware and software, scientific or mathematical equipment, printing expenses, periodical or internet subscriptions, assemblies and field trips, and other uses as part of an innovative educational initiative.*

### How do I apply?

1. *Email a Project Brief to Kimberly Hopkins at [khopkins@wilsonareasd.org](mailto:khopkins@wilsonareasd.org) by September 15, 2023.*
2. *Invited Grant applicants must be submit requests for support via a Google form, which will include the ability to attach separate documents for narrative and budget.*

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Required Details for the Full Application *(if invited to apply)*

I. Proposal Narrative:

1. Please provide a clear and detailed project description to include:

- Objectives and who will benefit from the project.
- Roughly how many students will be impacted.
- How the project is creative, innovation, and/or enhancing in its approach and execution, encourages engagement with families or the community, and/or utilizes new technologies and experimentation
- A timeline for implementation
- The process that will be used to evaluate the project's success, show results, and share impact with WAPEF and other district community members
- How the project will incorporate one or more components of the Foundation's mission, vision and values (Reference scoring rubric for list of components)
- How many students will be impacted (Include specific grades and buildings)

II. Project Budget:

1. Provide specific information regarding how the funds you are requesting will be used.
2. Provide a specific funding schedule (all expenses should be documented during execution if funded).

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- \* Equipment or resources acquired through the grant shall become the property of the Wilson Area School District.
- \* If purchasing technology equipment or software, the District's Technology Department must agree that the new equipment is compatible with current systems, or can be fully operational without additional significant cost.
- \* The grant amount may be used to partially or fully fund the project, program or experience.
- \* Within the first 30-days of project completion, grant recipients must provide a brief, post-project summary outlining the final number of students impacted during

*implementation, in addition to a minimum of three (3) photos. Pictures should highlight the most compelling components of the initiative and ideally capture student engagement with the project. Every effort should be made to exclude students whose images are not approved for use in conjunction with the district's photo release. Failure to provide these items may result in ineligibility for future funding. Please email the summary and photos to [khopkins@wilsonareasd.org](mailto:khopkins@wilsonareasd.org).*