GRANTS FOR TEACHERS

Information Session

2023-2024





For Lafayette Parish public schools

PURPOSE





AcA ARTS GRANTS FOR TEACHERS

To encourage teachers to design and develop artistically creative and innovative projects involving the visual and performing arts.

United Way EDUCATION INNOVATION GRANTS

To support teachers and classrooms in their mission to create engaging, innovative and inclusive learning environments.

Arts Grants for Teachers



FOR PROJECTS THAT CAN...

- help develop understanding and appreciation of the arts
- complement other arts-related activities already implemented in the schools
- provide direct student involvement in the arts
- develop permanent arts resources
- integrate arts into other academic disciplines or provide support for teachers to become more proficient in the arts

Education Innovation Grants THIS GRANT AIMS TO...



empower educators by providing them with the necessary

resources, tools, and opportunities to

elevate their teaching practices and

enhance the overall classroom experience.

ELIGIBILITY

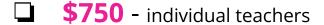
WHO MAY APPLY

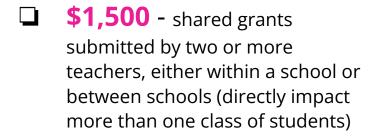
ANY LAFAYETTE PARISH PUBLIC

- teacher
- librarian
- guidance counselor directly instructing children is eligible to apply

AMOUNT\$ YOU MAY REQUEST







\$2,000 - projects that culminate in a performance or exhibit at Student Arts Expo (minimum of 3 participating teachers and classes)



\$1,000 - individual teachers

\$5,000 - shared grants submitted by two or more teachers, either within a school or between schools (directly impact more than one class of students)

☐ Up to \$50,000 – grants that aim to support innovative projects that have to potential to make a lasting impact on an entire school

4 Arts **Grants** Categories



#1 Art Works Grant

■ Involve students in visual arts, dance, theatre, music, design, architecture/environmental arts, creative writing, media or folklife

(may include production, performance, organization and development)

TIP: Consider bringing in a teaching artist!

#2 Integrated Arts Grant

incorporate the arts into academic instruction

(integrate them into literature, math, history, science and other curricula)

TIP: Consider bringing in a teaching artist!

4 Arts Grants Categories (continued)



#3 Resource Grant

develop permanent artsresources

(such as fine arts reproductions, non-expendable equipment, films, books, etc., for an educational project, with an explanation of how the program will be implemented)

#4 Training Grant

provide teachers with arts education **training** by a recognized expert in an arts discipline

(with an educational component to be implemented upon completion)

Checklist...Additional Things You will Need

- statement of support from school principal
- statement of support from teaching artist (if applicable)
- information describing art resource materials to be purchased
- resumes of individuals working directly with students and paid through the grant budget
 - (unless the artist is a current AcA's Teaching Artists)
- resumes or bios of teachers directly involved in instruction for this project

GRANTS ARE COMPETITIVE!

Grants are reviewed by a panel, based on grant criteria

No limit on the number of applications per school or teacher.

Separate applications must be submitted for each project.

EVALUATION CRITERIA ... 4 CATEGORIES

#1 Approach - Weight 40%

- well-planned and designed project proposal
- expertise of educators and artists
- ☐ realistic timeframe

#2 Educational & Artistic/Academic Relevance - Weight 20%

- importance of proposed project
- impact on teacher practice and student understanding
- connection to curriculum
- artistic merit of proposed project

EVALUATION CRITERIA ... 4 CATEGORIES

#3 Budget - Weight 20%

appropriate request level and use of funds

#4 Results - Weight 20%

- impact (large or small) for students
- plans for increased access, participation and exposure to the arts for students

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- recurring and/or traditional school productions and exhibitions are not generally eligible
- salaries for school administrative or teaching staff *are not eligible*
- □ Art Works Grants and Integrated Arts Grants projects must allow for contact between the artist(s) and students during regular school hours (May request special permission for some projects)
- artists *may not* be used to fill teacher vacancies
- □ the teacher *must be present* at all times during grant activities
- ☐ the project and any resulting materials become the property of the Lafayette Parish School System

MORE IMPORTANT INFO

- do not request more funds than the grant guidelines allow
- "Other Contributions" section in the budget page is a significant factor in the grant review process
- the decision process takes approximately one to three months
- the **grant review panel** consists of administrators, educators, artists and community members
- some grants may require budget adjustments
- panel may suggest partial funding after consultation with the applicant to determine that viability of the grant can be maintained
- keep copies of your completed application for your school and yourself to use as a guideline throughout the project

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Funding Cycle: November 1, 2023 - May 31, 2024

Application Deadline: September 29, 2023

(by 4:30pm via online application)

Notification Date: End of October

Ready to Apply?!

Applications are open now for both grants!

AcadianaCenterfortheArts.org
(Arts in Education > Resources for Educators)

UnitedWayofAcadiana.org (Grants > Education Grants)

NEED ASSISTANCE?

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BEST OF LUCK!

Thank You!

