2023
Technology Innovation Challenge Grants
Application Package

Greater Chambersburg Chamber Foundation

Applications Due:

Monday April 17, 2023

Introduction

The *Technology Innovation Challenge Grant* program provides funding to integrate innovative technology into the classroom. These grants are a stimulus for creative applications of technology in support of creating effective learning environments and high standards for all students. The funding for this grant is made possible by the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). As an approved Educational Improvement Organization (EIO), the Greater Chambersburg Chamber Foundation partners with area businesses to provide grant dollars to public school teachers in Franklin County. Any Franklin County K-12 public school educators are eligible to apply.

The contributions made by local businesses to the Greater Chambersburg Chamber Foundation via the EITC program, have made an estimated $14, 000 available for the current 2023 funding cycle. Proposals should request funding starting at $1000 and above.

Proposal Criteria

Your proposal should meet the following three criteria:

1. I**nnovative:** Each proposal will be evaluated in this category as either: highly innovative, advanced, standard, or slightly behind the times or dated.
    *(Please note that there must be existing capacity (technology infrastructure, staff, resources, etc.) in place to support proposed project and/or clear explanation of how the proposed project will enhance existing capacity to insure successful implementation.)
2. **Value added to the curriculum**: Your proposal should be linked to core curriculum areas such as Math, English, Science, History, Art, Music, etc. Programs that solely focus on life skills, study habits, SAT or PSSA prep, drug & alcohol counseling, motivational courses, etc. will not be accepted.
3. **Advanced academic in nature**: The program must be advanced academic for the subject area that it adds value to therefor should not be general or remedial. However, proposed programs are not limited to gifted/college prep/honors students.

Technology alone does not meet the EITC guidelines. A program must be established that meets the above criteria.

Application Process

To be considered as a *Technology Innovation Challenge Grant* recipient, you must submit the application by **Monday April 17, 2023.** The application process (see below) includes a one to two paragraph summary of the proposed project, listing any barriers your project may face, listing equipment that is needed for the project, outlining a timeline for implementing the project and explaining how many students will be impacted. Remember to be as descriptive as possible so the selection committee understands the project. Applications must be submitted by the due date and must be complete in its entirety and legible if not typed.

Timeline

- **Monday April 17, 2023 -** Application deadline
- **April-May 2023 –** The grant selection committee reviews applications using a standardized rubric and submits the finalists to the PA State Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for approval. **SEE RUBRIC ON LAST PAGE**
- **Summer 2023 -** Grantees notified as soon as DCED approves.
  *Timeline may vary based on the response time of DCED
- **Friday December 1, 2023 -** Reimbursement requests from grantee school districts must be submitted by this date.
  *All grantees must submit back-up receipts with a final report to be reimbursed for expense associated with the project.
- **December 31, 2023 –** Grant funds distributed to districts by this date

Application Guidance

If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Harriger. We have provided our rubric & a separate document with grants recently funded.

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DEADLINE: Monday April 17, 2023

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APPLICANT(S)   DATE

_____   _____

SCHOOL/DISTRICT   PROJECT TITLE

_____ $_____

GRADE LEVEL/DEPT.   BUDGET REQUEST

_____   _____

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER   EVENING TELEPHONE NUMBER*

_____   _____

EMAIL   SUMMER EMAIL

<mark>*PLEASE PROVIDE NUMBER THAT YOU CAN BE CONTACTED AT DURING THE SUMMER</mark>

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Applicant's Signature   Dept. Head or K-12 Supervisor (Secondary)

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Head Teacher (Elementary)   Building Principal

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Director of Technology (Required for all Technology requests)

Please email or mail applications to:
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Technology Innovation Challenge Grant - Application

Please complete the following information. You may attach pages to this application.

1. Write a one-paragraph summary (200 words or less) of the project you would like to try at your school:

2. What challenge(s) face you which this grant will address? Tell why you think there is a special need for this project.

3. Describe your project with specific detail. Discuss methods, needed materials, resource personnel, a tentative schedule, and your completion date.

4. Describe how your project addresses the funding priorities and criteria:
   · Innovation
   · Value added to curriculum.
   · Advanced academic in nature

5. Approximately how many students will be affected by this project? Explain how you arrived at this number.

6. EVALUATION – How will you determine whether your objectives have been achieved? You will be required to write a one-page evaluation at the conclusion of your project (also include a final budget report).

7. Detail your budget request. Include specific information such as kinds of materials and equipment needed, supply sources, etc. Be sure to include all costs.
   Example:

ITEM	SUPPLIER	COST
"Learning to Read" books	ABC Book Company	$33.00

8. Are you applying for any other grants or receiving any other funds for this proposal?

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Technology Innovation Challenge Grant - Rubric

	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Innovative	Dated Program	A little behind the times	Standard Programming	Advanced Programming	Highly Innovative	
Value Added to the Curriculum	Not linked to Core Curriculum areas such as Math, English, Science, History, Art, Music, Etc.	Loosely linked to Core Curriculum areas such as Math, English, Science, History, Art, Music, Etc.	Somewhat linked to Core Curriculum areas such as Math, English, Science, History, Art, Music, Etc.	Linked to Core Curriculum areas such as Math, English, Science, History, Art, Music, Etc.	Strongly linked to Core Curriculum areas such as Math, English, Science, History, Art, Music, Etc.	
Advanced Academic in Nature	Program is general or remedial	Program loosely Advanced Academic for the subject area it adds value to	Program somewhat Advanced Academic for the subject area it adds value to	Program Advanced Academic for the subject area it adds value to	Program significantly Advanced Academic for the subject area it adds value to	
Total						

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