

# 2024 Technology Innovation Challenge Grants

Application Package

**Greater Chambersburg Chamber Foundation**

**Applications Due:**  
Monday April 15, 2024

## 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 these grant dollars to public school educators in Franklin County through our program.

## Proposal Criteria

Technology alone does not meet the EITC guidelines. A program must be established that meets the above criteria. Grant proposals should be **no less than \$1000 or more than \$8000**. Your proposal should meet the following criteria:

1. **Innovative:** 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 **MUST** 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 proposal **MUST** be advanced academically for the subject area and therefore should not be general or remedial. However, proposed programs are not limited to gifted/college prep/honors students.
4. Proposals must include information on the **future sustainability of the project** after the initial funding and implementation phase.

## Application Process

To be considered, your proposal must be submitted by **Monday April 15, 2024**. The application (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.

Applications must be typed, submitted by the due date and have all appropriate signatures to be complete.

The selection committee consists of Greater Chambersburg Chamber Foundation board members, retired educators and community business leaders with the Foundation Executive Director serving as a non-voting group facilitator. The selection committee may not rate proposals from districts they have worked in or from educators that they know personally.

## Timeline

- **Monday April 15, 2024** - Application deadline
- **April-May 2024** – 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 2024** - Grantees notified as soon as DCED approves.
- **Wednesday, August 14, 2024** – Grant winners are invited to attend the CVBA Franklin County Education Summit 7am-9am, location TBA
- **Monday November 25, 2024** - Reimbursement requests from grantee school districts must be submitted by this date so they can be paid out by the end of the year.

## Application Guidance

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

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APPLICANT(S)

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL/DISTRICT

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PROJECT TITLE

\_\_\_\_\_  
GRADE LEVEL/DEPT.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
BUDGET REQUEST

\_\_\_\_\_  
DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
EVENING TELEPHONE NUMBER\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL

\_\_\_\_\_  
SUMMER EMAIL

\*PLEASE PROVIDE NUMBER THAT YOU CAN BE CONTACTED AT DURING THE SUMMER

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Technology (Required)

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Building Principal, Head Teacher or Dept Lead (Required)

**Please email or mail applications to:**  
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Attn: Technology Innovation Challenge Grant  
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Please complete the following information. Applications MUST be typed.

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 in 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:**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUPPLIER</u>	<u>COST</u>
"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?
9. How will the project be sustained financially into the future after initial grant funding and implementation? This includes any subscription-based fees, technology maintenance or upgrades etc. (Support from your district technology team is required and verified with signature on main page)

# RUBRIC

Technology Innovation Challenge Grant - Rubric						
	1	2	3	4	5	Score
<b>Innovative</b>	Dated Program	A little behind the times	Standard Programming	Advanced Programming	Highly Innovative	
<b>Value Added to the Curriculum</b>	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.	
<b>Advanced Academic in Nature</b>	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	
<b>Total</b>						