



OPSF Women's Giving Circle

Spring 2018

Call for Proposals

Grant Amounts: \$15,000

The OPSF Women's Giving Circle is a group of women who support Olathe students and teachers. Their combined financial contributions create a pool of funds which they grant out to Olathe certified educators for projects impacting Olathe students.

Spring 2018 Grant Amount: \$13,000 minimum - \$15,000 maximum

The OPSF Women's Giving Circle is currently seeking grant proposals for the Spring 2018 cycle. Olathe teachers should present an innovative solution to challenges/problems impacting student achievement. While these grants will not target students in need, grants are welcomed from any school in the Olathe district.

Examples of challenges:

- maximizing instruction with iPads
- low number of Latinos pursuing degrees in technology-based fields
- student struggles with health and wellness issues
- equipment needed to prepare students for advanced coursework in 21st Century programs
- lack of access to the arts or sports for students from low-income communities

Successful applications will demonstrate most if not all of the following: clearly defined challenges to be overcome; inter-school collaboration; clearly outlined desired student outcomes from the investment of grant dollars and how those outcomes will be measured; a solid plan for sustainability past initial grant funding; and a budget that does not exceed \$15,000.

Deadline for applications:

Applications – Spring 2018 must be received electronically at the OPSF office (foundation@olatheschools.org) by noon, Thursday, March 22, 2018.

Who is eligible to apply:

Certified educators employed by the Olathe Public Schools

Funding timeline

Grant budget codes will be issued by May 10, 2018 and funds must be spent by December 31, 2018.

Successful grant proposals will have the following characteristics:

- **Collaboration:** Project must impact multiple classrooms, grades, or buildings.
- **Sustainability:** Project must include a solid plan for sustainability past initial grant funding.
- **Innovation:** Project must demonstrate a new approach to solving problems or meeting needs.
- **Outcomes:** Proposal must include clearly outlined desired student outcomes from the investment of grant dollars and how those outcomes will be measured.
- A budget that does not exceed \$10,000. Proposals should not include funding for items or equipment already provided by Olathe Public Schools.
- Approval of building/program administrators is mandatory.

Grant applications should be submitted in the following format:

Body of Grant: Please address each of the following areas under the headers listed below.

- 1) **Header: Project overview**
 - a. Tell the grant readers the story of what you would be doing with the grant funding.
- 2) **Header: Demonstrated need**
 - a. What evidence is there that this need exists?
 - b. How will your project meet this need?
 - c. How many students will this project impact?
 - d. What grade levels and subject areas will this project impact?
- 3) **Header: Innovation**
 - a. What makes your project different from other similar projects?
 - b. Has this project been previously implemented? If so, what is different in this proposal?
 - c. How does your project reach students in non-traditional ways?
 - d. Can this project be repeated without additional funds?
- 4) **Header: Education Outcomes**
 - a. What outcomes will you achieve by implementing this project?
 - b. How will you measure the outcomes?
 - c. How long will it take you to achieve these outcomes?
 - d. How will you sustain these outcomes?
 - e. Note: Anecdotal evidence is not acceptable as the only measurement of success.
- 5) **Header: Budget**
 - a. List items to be purchased with grant funds, with totals for each type of item.
 - b. Do not need to list vendors or provide photos of items to be purchased as part of the budget.
- 6) **Header: Project Summary** - In fewer than 50 words, sum up the project and the outcomes you hope to achieve.

Addendums:

- 1) Title page
- 2) Completed and signed technology addendum if proposal includes hardware or software
- 3) Post grant assessment form (to be completed if funded)

Format:

- Proposal should be typed, using the headers described above.
- Proposal may include photographs
- Proposal must be submitted electronically by e-mail as a .pdf.
- The title page and technology addendum may be scanned and submitted as .pdfs.
- The entire packet must be sent electronically via e-mail to foundation@olatheschools.org.

Finalists will be chosen to present their grant proposal to the Women's Giving Circle on in April, 2018.

Contact: **Cindy VonFeldt, Executive Director**
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Women's Giving Circle Grant Application Title Page

Applicant Name(s): _____

Lead Applicant's Building: _____

Grant Title: _____

of students impacted: _____

Building(s) impacted: _____

Grades impacted: _____

Amount Requested: _____

*Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

**I understand the guideline and requirements and if funded, agree to complete a post-program report, due at the completion of the grant.*

Principal or Dept. Administrator's Signature: _____

Date: _____

OPSF Women's Giving Circle POST GRANT ASSESSMENT

Deadline: Please complete this assessment and return it to the Foundation, according to your grant contract.

Program Title:	Grant Applicant:
Number of Participating Students:	Dates of Program Implementation:
DID THIS GRANT TARGET EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
WHAT WERE THE OBJECTIVES OF YOUR GRANT?	
WHAT WERE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF YOUR PROGRAM?	
WHAT STUDENT OR PARENT FEEDBACK DID YOU RECEIVE?	
WHAT CHALLENGES WERE IDENTIFIED DURING YOUR GRANT PROGRAM?	
WHAT MODIFICATIONS WOULD YOU MAKE TO YOUR GRANT PROGRAM?	
WILL YOU CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM? WHY OR WHY NOT?	
OTHER COMMENTS:	

Women's Giving Circle Grant Technology Approval Form



If your grant includes the purchase of hardware or software, you must receive approval from the Olathe District Schools technology department. Please complete the following information and submit this form to technology for approval. If you have any questions, please contact Rita Lyon.

Grant Title: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Hardware Description (*Desktop computer, laptop, handheld device, other?*):

- Make/Model: _____
- Operating System(Windows, Mac, IOS): _____
- Version: (Win XP, Win 7, etc.) _____

Software Description:

- Title: _____
- Publisher: _____
- Number of licenses: _____
- Requirements or Specifications: _____
- Initial Investment/cost?: _____
- On-going maintenance costs? _____
- Who is responsible for on-going costs? _____
- How many computers will run on this software? _____

What is the expectation for OSD tech support?

- Repair? _____
- Maintenance? _____
- Installation? _____
- Training? _____

District Resources Needed:

- Power? _____
- Network cabling? _____
- Wireless access? _____

Signatures:

Grant Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Approved by Rita Lyon: _____ Date: _____

Notes: _____