



CB CARES EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
Making a difference one classroom at a time.

Since 2012, CB Cares Educational Foundation has awarded over \$114,000 in Innovative Learning Grants and is proud to support students, educators, and parents of the Central Bucks School District. As Central Bucks School District's community partner, CB Cares Educational Foundation provides Innovative Learning Grants (ILGs) to encourage teachers to pilot new ideas and bring to life the ideas of these visionary educators that wouldn't be possible within the district's regular budget students in the arts, science, technology, engineering, math, leadership, and wellness.

Grants may be awarded to teachers, administrators, or support staff of CBSD and have a direct benefit on the students in the district. Grant projects amounts can be up to \$1000 for a single classroom, however projects that involve multi-classroom /grade/department, or may be a school/district wide project may be considered for amounts exceeding the \$1,000 cap. Funds may be used in the school year they are awarded or earmarked for the following school year. Please note that all materials and equipment awarded through the grant process becomes the property of the Central Bucks School District.

CBCEF is an approved Educational Improvement Organization under Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC). CBCEF receives donations from area businesses that in turn receive tax credits for their donations. Projects and programs supported with EITC funds are restricted to state-approved categories and must be innovative in nature.

Grants are made possible by generous support from our EITC partners:
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CB Cares Educational Foundation will begin accepting grant submissions beginning August 1, 2019. *New for this year - there will be an early action option for those projects that are time sensitive. To be considered for early action your grant must demonstrate early need and be submitted by August 1.*

Grant cycle timeline:

Early Action Grant awards will be announced in early August.
Round 1 August 1 – October 31, 2019 - Grant awards will be announced in November 2019
Round 2 December 1 – February 29, 2020 - Grant awards will be announced in March 2020.

Projects must enhance specific curriculum in one of these areas while incorporating the Developmental Assets, the framework in which our organization was founded. <https://cb-cares.org/developmental-assets/>

Primary focus areas include, but are not limited to:

- ✓ **STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math)** - Projects that allow for innovative, hands-on educational experiences and student-driven problem solving that fosters creativity and applies to a specific lesson or focuses on the discovery aspect of learning in the classroom and/or in the field. Arts can be defined in a variety of forms such as: music, drama, art, and writing. Funds can be used for guest performances/visiting artists. Staff and students may work on projects that promote financial literacy and reading for pleasure. (Asset #25)
- ✓ **Leadership and Career Readiness** - Projects under this category help students understand and develop their roles and responsibilities as active members in the community and school-based projects. Students will develop skills, empathy and critical thinking that makes one an engaged citizen and develop the capacity to learn in collaboration with other students, adults and community. Funded projects will help students cultivate a sense of community and social responsibility. Finally, projects will help students understand and develop competencies of leadership in a variety of contexts especially those related to 21st century skills.
- ✓ **Environmental education and Staff Development**— Projects that allow students and/or staff to participate in inquiry-based, hands-on, environmental education programs. Projects can include workshops and guest speakers to work with the staff to augment their skills and knowledge in teaching environmental education and enable teachers to remain current with new information and technology.
- ✓ **Student Wellness** - Projects that promote positive youth development, resiliency and healthy relationships. Topics can include: social and emotional wellness, bullying, sexting, restorative justice, global awareness and social and cultural competence.

Innovative Learning Grants Guidelines:

Grant applications and questions can be sent to nsantacecilia@cb-cares.org - please include in the Subject line: ILG application – Grant name

ILG Review Committee Criteria: The review committee is a combination of leadership from CBSD – tips to consider when writing your application.

1. Narrative– is the project clearly described? Does the applicant explain how the project relates to the funding category? Is there a sequential listing of activities with dates and timeframe listed where appropriate? Are the 40 Assets included in the description?
2. Student Learning Outcomes – Does the application concisely explain specific student learning outcomes that are based on specific needs? Does the language used in the outcomes contain

phrases such as “the student will...”? Are methods for evaluating student learning outcomes described?

3. Curriculum Based – Is the project innovative and enriching? Does the application specify how this project uses an innovative and enriching approach to teaching and learning or after school approved activity? What is the relationship of the project to the CBSD curriculum?
4. Long Term Impact – Does the application describe follow-up activities for the students, teachers and/or staff?

FAQs :

Can grants be used for travel?

Travel expenses incurred by students and escorting teachers for day trips to conferences, workshops, competitions, etc. are eligible for funding if the school district does not supply. According to EITC guidelines, expenses for teachers traveling for professional development can only be considered under the Environmental Educational category. Overnight travel expenses are not eligible for grant funding.

What additional information should accompany the application?

Projects that require outside presenters or personnel please include a resume and/or organizational information. Projects that require equipment purchases (items over \$500) should include a brief description of the equipment as well as supporting documents and costs and why it's not supported by CBSD.

Reporting and Award Requirements

All ILG recipients should identify CB Cares EF as the funding source for the grant related printed materials, equipment, displays, and communications. Be sure to include the CB Cares EF logo where applicable and notify CB Cares EF when your grant project will be executed for the opportunity to attend your grant and possible photo opportunities, social media, and/or press releases

Grants cannot fund the following due to EITC rules:

- Fundraising events of any kind / Parties
- Equipment that CBSD supplies
- Projects with other non-profits
- Furniture

Grantees are required to submit final reports that will be used in CBCEF's end-of-year-report. The ILG Yearend closeout reports can be found online. Under State reported EITC guidelines, CBCEF must provide end-of-year reports substantiating that the projects met the approved categories for funding. All reports are due back June 15, 2020.



Thank you for making a difference one classroom at a time.

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