

2017 Teacher Mini-Grants Program At Blue Grass Community Foundation

**An initiative designed to help teachers
provide enriching academic experiences for students**

Purpose

Encourage innovation in teaching and support teachers with creative and interesting ideas for programs, projects or events for their classrooms that will encourage learning. **A preference will be given to projects focused on early childhood education (age 3 – K) and literacy (across all grade levels and subject areas).**

The program will enable the purchase of special materials or resources for the classroom which are not allocated in school budgets.

All projects must be fully implemented and reporting completed by May 15, 2018.

Size and Number of Grants

Grants will be in the amount of up to \$1,000 each. A total of \$10,000 will be distributed through the Teacher Mini-Grants Program.

Who May Apply

Fayette County Public Schools Teachers

Selection Factors

A committee of community volunteers will review proposals on the following factors:

- Innovative approach and creativity of project
- Preference for projects focused on early childhood education (age 3 – K) and literacy (across all grade levels and subject areas)
- Potential for long-term impact
- Number of student participants
- Cost effectiveness and realistic budget

Excluded Projects

- Renovation of facilities
- Religious activities or teachings
- Proposals for field trips, tuition for special classes and stipends for outside presenters **unless an integral part of the project.**

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How To Apply

Send a proposal of **no more than two pages** to **Angela Roberts**, Data Research and Accountability office, IAKSS Annex Room 208 by **October 20, 2017**. All proposals must be submitted on school letterhead.

Proposals must be **clearly labeled** with the following information:

- Contact Information
 - Name of Teacher
 - School
 - Grade Level
 - Phone Number
 - Email
- Title of the Project
- Description of Project (no more than 400 words) including:
 - Expected outcomes of the project
 - Projected impact on students
 - How does this project integrate with current curriculum?
- Total Amount Requested
- Detailed Project Budget (actual cost per item for project)
- Number of Student Participants
- Signature of Teacher and School Principal

Award Notification

Recipients will be notified by early-December.

Evaluation

A Grant Report is due to Blue Grass Community Foundation **no later than May 15th**.

Questions?

Application Process: Angela Roberts at 381-4329 or angela.roberts@fayette.kyschools.us

BGCF Contact: Kristen Tidwell at 721-2347 or kristen@bgcf.org

**Any unused funds must be returned to
Blue Grass Community Foundation no later than May 15th.**