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FHFE Teacher Grant Information for 2017-2018
Deadline: August 11, 2017

FHFE Mission *The Forest Hills Foundation for Education (FHFE) is a non-profit organization that raises money to make a difference in students' lives by supporting educational initiatives above and beyond what the Forest Hills School District's budget can provide.*

FHFE Vision *We provide access to educational enrichment opportunities that ignite learning, improve educational outcomes, and prepare our students to be confident, competent, and engaged citizens.*

Forest Hills Foundation for Education is pleased to announce that we will be doing teacher grants again this year. With the support of our community we have been able to increase our total budget for teacher grants again this year to a total of **\$22,000**.

We have made a few changes this year to focus the grants even more on innovative ideas and to provide some support on how to write a strong grant application.

- We are asking that the grants be written to specific innovation topic areas, selected by the district. This should provide more guidance on what is considered innovative. Also, if the grant outcomes are successful, it gives it a better chance of being reapplied more broadly by the school district.
- We will also spread the grant applications and awards over the first half of the school year. We will have **three distinct award periods and you can choose from any of the different innovation themes**. The purpose in spreading them out is so that you have more flexibility in when you choose to write a grant. We think some teachers may prefer to work on grant submissions during the school year.

ROUND & DUE DATE	THEME	AWARDED
Round 1 Due to principal August 11th	What if- <i>"This is how it has always been done, but what if...."</i>	Early September
Round 2 Due October Date TBD	Future Ready/Beyond the Walls- <i>How do we make the world your classroom? How do we enrich students with real-world experiences?</i>	November
Round 3 Due December Date TBD	Time & Space- <i>How does the design of your classroom/building space and/or time directly impact teaching and learning?</i>	January

Support Plan:

- Attend the Mason Learning Series co-sponsored by Forest Hills on **August 8th and 9th** featuring author George Couros *who wrote The Innovator's Mindset: Empower Learning, Unleash Talent, and Lead a Culture of Creativity*. You will learn how to develop an innovator's mindset, connect

with educators across Cincinnati, learn how to strengthen innovative thinking and design, as well as how to write a quality grant application.

- For those that cannot make the seminar in August the training for grant writing will be filmed so that you can view it online on your schedule.
- For those that want to write a grant before this session, we have created "[Keys to a Successful Grant Application](#)".
- If you would like one-on-one support for grant writing please contact Natasha Adams by email at natashaadams@foresthills.edu.

Finally, one other new thing we are adding this year is to include the option for you to submit a grant that is student-led or a teacher/student partnership grant idea where a student is an integral part of executing the grant. This is not a requirement - just an option.

The grant application itself has not changed from last year. It is designed around the rubric the FHFE grant committee will use to decide which grants to support. The first two criteria below are weighted more heavily than the others listed but all are important. Specifically:

- An innovative approach to learning and/or student support
- Connection to the FHFE Vision
- Clearly defined goals and objectives
- Specifically planned methods founded in best practices
- Potential impact including the number of students impacted and the intent or feasibility of replicating the idea/program in other classrooms or schools
- Clearly articulated projected benefits/expected outcomes
- An assessment plan with specific measures
- A plan for sustaining the project/program
- A budget that is practical and resourceful

There is no specific minimum or maximum amount for each grant, so we may award one, two or multiple grants depending on the dollar amounts needed for the various grants.

Grant applications should be submitted to your building principals no later than **August 11, 2017**. Grant approvals will be announced at the beginning of the school year.

If you wish to complete the application form, please click here: [FHFE Grant Application 2017-18](#). This will open a **copy version only** that you will need to save to your Google drive. Use your project title as the name of your document so you can share with anyone with a FHSD link and your building principal.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dee Stone at info@fhfe.org or Susan Mackey at susanmackey2728@gmail.com.

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