



Excellence in Education — Spring 2026 Grant Guidelines

Timeline:

- ☐ Submit online at www.ExinEd.org
- ☐ **Portal opening date:** February 9th, 2026
- ☐ **Deadline:** March 30, 2026
- ☐ Grant money formally accepted by the TTUSD School Board during the August board meeting
- ☐ Money available for grant purchases around the end of August/beginning of September
- ☐ Questions? Contact your site liaison or the Foundation at exed@ttcf.net

Who Can Apply:

- ☐ TTUSD staff
- ☐ Parents (must co-write with a staff member)

Approval Process:

- ☐ School site administrator must approve all grants.
- ☐ Site Council reviews and ranks all applications.
- ☐ Excellence in Education Allocation Committee reviews and recommends grants.
- ☐ Full Excellence in Education Board votes on final awards.

Grant Review Criteria:

- ☐ Clear project goal and student impact.
- ☐ Direct student engagement.
- ☐ Sustainable beyond initial funding.
- ☐ Broad or meaningful impact.
- ☐ Supports Common Core or TTUSD priorities.
- ☐ Has measurable success indicators.
- ☐ Consumables (e.g., FOSS kits, art supplies, subscriptions) allowed — up to \$500 per class.
- ☐ Technology:
 - No classroom sets of iPads/laptops.
 - Hardware that supports a specific program may be considered
 - Software funded for up to 3 years.



Grants we Generally Do NOT Fund:

- ☐ Extracurricular activities
- ☐ Field trips
- ☐ Individual student scholarships
- ☐ Salaries, stipends, or service payments
- ☐ Reimbursement requests
- ☐ Grants not ranked by the school site council
- ☐ Travel expenses
- ☐ Playground structures
- ☐ Basic classroom furniture (desks, chairs)
- ☐ Teacher training/certification

After Approval:

Once grants are awarded:

- Funding will be sent to TTUSD's business office for disbursement.
 - Grant recipients have until the end of TTUSD's fiscal year to spend the funds.
 - Requests for time extensions must be submitted in writing to Excellence in Education for approval.
- All grants become the property of TTUSD and the awarded site.
- If a grant recipient leaves a site or transfers to another site, the grant remains at the originally awarded site unless EEF has granted permission stating otherwise.
- If a grant is not utilized or the funds are not fully spent, the funds are returned to Excellence in Education for future grants.

Other Funding Sources to explore:

- School site funds
- PTA/PTO
- [Truckee Optimist Club](#)
- [Rotary Club of Truckee](#)
- [Rotary Club of Tahoe City](#)