2023-24 Education Foundation of Bloomington & American Family Insurance Dreams Foundation Innovation Grant Guidelines, Application Form, and Grant Authorization Form

All applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 10, 2023.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF BLOOMINGTON INNOVATION GRANTS

We are now accepting applications for 2023-24 EFB Innovation Grants funded by a grant from **American Family Insurance Dreams Foundation** and donations to the **Education Foundation of Bloomington**. These dollars are earmarked for grants to staff in the Bloomington School District who submit grant requests to the EFB for innovative classroom projects that fall outside the normal funding priorities of the Bloomington School District.

MISSION OF THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF BLOOMINGTON

The Education Foundation of Bloomington's mission is to enhance the learning experience of students in Bloomington Public Schools by acquiring and distributing resources not available through public funding.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR 2023-24 INNOVATION GRANTS

The EFB requests applications for 2023-24 Education Foundation of Bloomington Innovation Grants to fund innovative educational curriculum material, classroom equipment, or an experiential event in classrooms and programs of the Bloomington School District. This year's Innovation Grants are funded by a grant from **American Family Insurance Dreams Foundation** and the EFB Chip in For Schools Golf Classic plus individual donations. For information on participating or donating, see our website at www.efbmn.org.

The 2023-24 Innovation Grants are designed to provide curriculum materials, classroom equipment, or a supplemental curriculum experience to support and enhance classroom learning and may have the potential to be reused/shared throughout the year or reused as a part of a following year's curriculum plan. Proposals should describe materials, equipment, or an experience that cannot be purchased through the school or the program's regular budget process. **Grants will be limited to $1,000 at the classroom level. Department/Grade Level or District level grants may be considered at greater dollar amounts.**

Funds will NOT be awarded to replace current curriculum or equipment funded through school budgets nor to compensate for staff time or staff development. Prior year's grant recipients are not eligible to apply unless they have submitted their completed Grant Report Form for their previous grant. Proposals will be evaluated, and funds allocated by the Board of Directors of the EFB.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR 2023-24 INNOVATION GRANTS

Successful grant proposals will describe projects that demonstrate most of the following elements:
- creativity—a project not now available in your classroom.
- potential for replication or use beyond the current school year.
- partnerships with parents, businesses, and/or community.
- cost-effectiveness.
- likelihood of completion without subsequent funding.
- measurability of results that are obtainable in one school year.
- degree to which the project opens new opportunities for learning.
- supports multicultural, gender-fair, disability aware learning experiences, open to all learners.

INNOVATION GRANT GUIDELINES

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The Grant Application and Grant Authorization Form are available on the EFB website, http://efbmn.org, the Bloomington Public Schools website www.bloomingtonschools.org or from Marcie Coval (952) 681-6487, Instructional Specialist, mrcoval@isd271.org.

2. **All ISD 271 applications** must be approved by the Assistant Superintendent's office. Submit your **Grant Application Form** and **Grant Authorization Form** (Grant Application Pages 1-3) by scanning the document and emailing it in PDF format to bwibbens@isd271.org in the Assistant Superintendent's office for authorization to apply. All authorized submissions will be forwarded to the Education Foundation of Bloomington, Dan Van der Vieren, Chair and Karyn Arazi, Innovation Grant Committee, by the Assistant Superintendent's office.

3. **All applications must be submitted electronically via email by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 10, 2023 to mailto:bwibbens@isd271.org.**

FORM COMPLETION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please answer all questions on the application completely <u>including an itemized budget</u>. Signature of Principal or Program Leader is required.

2. You may add a one-page typed description if you need more space and/or a budget page if showing images or itemizing many items.

OTHER IMPORTANT DEADLINES AND INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Grant awards will be announced by January 5, 2024. Applicants will receive notice through the email address submitted as to their grant disposition. Funds will be deposited with the school district by January 19, 2024 and held in a special account through which you will be able to make your purchases. The secretary at your school will communicate to you the specific account code that you may use to access your grant dollars.

2. **Please note:** All successful grantees must submit a completed **Grant Report Form** no later than one week after completion of your grant or 2023-24 program year to karynarazi@aol.com. A photo of your grant in action is REQUESTED/not required. Please include a signed **Release Form** from each student/staff recognizable in the photo (facing camera). These forms will be supplied to you via email and be available on our web site. Photos may be used on our web site or in other EFB publications. **Grantees not submitting a Grant Report Form will not receive consideration for future grants.**

3. **Approved grant recipients may not extend or hold their funds over to future years without EFB approval.** See contact information below to seek any adjustments to your grant.

4. Questions to Innovation Grant Committee, Karyn Arazi, (952) 888-4005, karynarazi@aol.com or Dan Van der Vieren, (952) 888-1445, dvanderv@amfam.com

2023-24 Education Foundation of Bloomington
American Family Insurance Dreams Foundation
Innovation Grant Application Form
Application Deadline is 4:00 PM, Friday, November 10, 2023

Applicant Name(s)_____

School Year Day Phone_____ **Night Phone**_____ **Alternate Phone**_____

Email Address School Year _____ **Alternate Email** _____

Proposed Project Title_____ **Site** _____

Grant Dollars Requested: _____

Signature of Support from Principal or Program Leader (required)

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All grant dollars will be paid directly to ISD271 Central Office by January 19, 2024. The central office will deposit your grant dollars into specific accounts determined by your school which you will then be able to access. Your school secretary will have information on accessing your dollars. Please specify <u>ONE person</u> who will be responsible for accessing your grant dollars when purchases are made.

Name: _____ School: _____ Day Phone #: _____

- **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**—Describe the proposed curriculum, equipment, or experience and help us understand the genesis of this idea.

- **NEED**—Describe the need(s) you expect to address with this curriculum/equipment/experience and how it will be used.

- **AUDIENCE**—Who is the target audience? Who will be most impacted by the use of this curriculum/equipment/experience? ***Please provide estimated number of students served****, ages, and any other pertinent demographic information relevant to your proposal.*

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- **TIMELINES**—List activity timelines or use expectations. If carry-over or use in future classroom is expected, please indicate.

- **STAFF/VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP**—Who is involved with the use of this curriculum/equipment/experience and what are their responsibilities?

- **BUDGET**— Please list all expenditure items here. Please itemize your budget with specifics about any proposed purchases. (Budget listing and/or images of the planned items are welcome. An extra page is OK.)

- **OUTCOMES**—List 1 or 2 student learning/growth outcomes you expect to achieve as a result of the proposed grant.

- **EVALUTION**—How will you evaluate whether you have achieved each of your outcomes?

Grant Authorization
Bloomington Public Schools

School/Program_____

Grant Title_____

Grant Writer/Contact_____Phone_____

Amount of Grant $_____Matching Amount $____N/A_____

Date Grant Begins_____ Date Grant Ends_____

Source(s) of Funds - L-Local – Education Foundation of Bloomington
                                    (L = Local, R = Regional, S = State, F = Federal)

Number of Students Participating _____

Number of Staff Participating _____

Number of Parents / Community Participating _____

Description of Project:

_____ Date _____
School / Program Administrator

_____ Date _____
Superintendent or Designee