



Indian Prairie Educational Foundation Teacher Grant Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is there a limit on the amount of funding that may be requested?

A: While there is no specific limit on the funding amount you may request, we ask that you keep in mind the size of our district and the dollars that are available to fund a large population. We typically receive 60 grant applications a year and strive to provide as many opportunities as possible. We encourage you to apply early and keep in mind requests over \$2000 may require additional information and/or a presentation to the grant selection committee.

Q: How are applications evaluated?

A: Applications are reviewed by the Grant Selection Committee consisting of administrators, IPEF Board Directors and committee designates. The Grant Selection Committee favors projects that:

- Align with district curriculum and the mission of IPEF.
- Show innovation and creativity.
- Have a complete application, clearly describe the project and define a clear method for evaluating success.
- Include a detailed budget and appropriate administrative approvals.
- Clearly define the number of students who will benefit from the project and demonstrate a direct impact on as many students as possible.

Q: When will I know if my request was approved?

A: Applicants requesting funding for projects that will occur during the 2020-2021 school year will be notified of status via email according to the timetable below.

Applications Received by:
October 30, 2020

Will be reviewed:
November

Notified of Status:
On or after December 14, 2020

Q: If awarded a grant, how do I receive the funds?

A: If your application is approved:

- Funds will be distributed directly to your school.
- You will be required to submit an **IPEF Grant Evaluation** form within one month of project completion.
- You will be asked to work with us to 'showcase' your project within the community (i.e. Twitter, eNews, Inside 204, IPEF website)