

2021-2022 MCAS Teacher Innovation Grant

Unity Foundation of La Porte County

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The **Teacher Innovation Fund for Michigan City Area Schools** is a small grant program for Michigan City High School and La Porte County Career and Technical Education/A.K. Smith Career Center teachers/professionals. It is designed to promote innovation and creativity making teaching more fun for professionals and much more effective in reaching and inspiring our students. Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins, MCAS Superintendent, and former Michigan City Mayor Chuck Oberlie provided the idea and the seed money from their own personal funds.

How can the grants be used? The grants are intended to encourage innovative methods of conveying curriculum concepts. Funds can be used to purchase equipment, supplies, tools for special programs or for ideas to enrich curriculum and enhance each professional's ability to meet his/her students' needs. Innovative ideas and measurable outcomes are key components of what the selection committee is looking for. Funds cannot be used to pay district personnel.

Who is eligible to apply? Teachers & other professionals in Michigan City High School and the La Porte County Career & Technical Education/A.K. Smith Career Center.

How much money is available? Each grant applicant may request up to \$400. There will be multiple recipients each year. Multiple teachers may collaborate using one application.

How will recipients be chosen? A committee comprised of individuals from the Michigan City area education and business community will review the applications. This committee will then make recommendations to the Unity Foundation Board of Directors for approval.

Timeline

- Applications must be submitted by Friday, September 10.
- Awards will be announced by early October.
- Funds will be available by mid-October.
- Recipients are required to submit a report detailing project implementation and outcomes by Friday, June 17. Pictures are encouraged as part of the report.

APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS

Your application becomes valid only when completed in its entirety by Friday, September 10, 2021.

Be sure to answer all questions thoroughly and to the best of your knowledge. You may start your application and work on it over time by clicking "Save".

It is your responsibility to inform your school administrator of your proposed project/application. As a part of this application, you will be asked to confirm that he or she approves of your application.

Please update Unity Foundation with any changes to your contact or school information. Add "unity@uflc.net" and "lvarga@uflc.net" to your contacts, e-mail address book, or safe senders list to avoid messages regarding your application being blocked or identified as spam.

If you have questions please contact:
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ADDITIONAL APPLICANT

Additional Applicant Information*

Is there another teacher applying to be included in this request?

Choices

Yes

No

ADDITIONAL APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Additional Applicant 1*

Character Limit: 250

Email Address of Additional Applicant 1*

Character Limit: 254

Additional Applicant 2*

Is there another teacher applying to be included in this request?

Choices

- Yes
- No

SECOND ADDITIONAL APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Additional Applicant 2*

Character Limit: 250

Email Address of Additional Applicant 2*

Character Limit: 254

PROJECT OVERVIEW & DESCRIPTION

Project Title*

Character Limit: 100

Grade Level*

Select all that apply.

Choices

- 9th grade
- 10th grade
- 11th grade
- 12th grade
- Adults

Is this project designed for Special Education?*

Choices

- Yes
- No

Is this a one-time or multi-use project?*

Choices

- One-time
- Multi-use

How many students will be impacted this school year?*

Character Limit: 250

Application Preview

Including yourself, how many teachers will be implementing this project?*

Character Limit: 250

Primary Academic Area*

Choices

- Career & Technical
- Engineering & Technical
- English & Language Arts
- Family & Consumer Science
- Health & Physical Education
- Mathematics
- Music
- Other
- Science
- Social Studies
- Student Success
- Technology
- Theater
- Visual Art
- World Languages

Is this project designed to be Interdisciplinary?*

Choices

- Yes
- No

Additional Academic Content Areas

Select any additional academic content areas that apply.

Choices

- Career & Technical
- Engineering & Technical
- English & Language Arts
- Family & Consumer Science
- Health & Physical Education
- Mathematics
- Music
- Other
- Science
- Social Studies
- Student Success
- Technology
- Theater
- Visual Art
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Project Summary*

Please provide a 1 or 2 sentence high level view of your project. This brief description may be utilized for publications regarding grant awards.

Character Limit: 250

Describe project including activities in which the students will participate.*

Character Limit: 1000

Describe how you feel this project will impact your students and their learning.*

Character Limit: 1000

Describe what makes this project unique and innovative.*

Character Limit: 1000

BUDGET

What is the total amount of your request?*

Character Limit: 20

Budget (Upload)*

Complete the Budget Worksheet, save it as a PDF and upload it here. Additional spaces are provided below if you desire to include additional documents to support the costs. All uploads must be in PDF format.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Additional Quotes or Materials

Please provide a brief description of the item(s) you are uploading. If you have multiple items to upload, please merge them and upload them as one file or upload them individually in the provided spaces. All uploads must be in PDF format.

Character Limit: 1000 | File Size Limit: 3 MB

Additional Quotes or Materials 2

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Additional Quotes or Materials 3

File Size Limit: 3 MB

PRESS & MEDIA RELEASE

Press & Media Release*

If selected to receive grant funding, I authorize Unity Foundation of La Porte County to use my name, likeness, and project related information in any media form and type of publication, including newsletters and annual reports.

Choices

Yes

No

ADMINISTRATOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

School Administrator/Principal Name*

Character Limit: 250

Administrator Acknowledgement*

I certify that I have informed my school administrator/principal of my proposed project and application, and he or she approves.

Choices

Yes

No

CERTIFICATION & INFORMATION

Certification*

I certify that I will use any grant funds awarded as I have outlined in this application, and that I will return any unspent funds to the Unity Foundation of La Porte County at the conclusion of this school year.

Choices

Yes

No

You may review your grant application, even after it is submitted, up until the deadline by logging into this site. If you want to make changes to your application once it has been submitted, please contact us prior to the deadline. If your contact information changes, it is important to update it here via the Profile feature (in the upper right corner of the screen when logged in).

Please visit our website at www.uflc.net and Like our Unity Foundation of La Porte County, Home Team of La Porte County, and Love our Lakes Facebook pages to stay up to date regarding Unity activities and grant deadlines.