Teacher Innovative Grants (TIG)
Application Open: Jan. 12, 2026 - March 1, 2026
Funding provided for 2025-2026 School Year

Award Amount:

- The award amount for a teacher innovative grant is capped at $5,000 per request or up to $10,000 for a team grant*.

What is a Teacher Innovative Grant?

- TIGs enhance student learning by stimulating teacher creativity and supporting _innovative_ learning projects.
- Teacher Innovative Grants will be awarded for _one-time, new_ projects at your campus to be implemented within the 2025-2026 school year.
- They will be awarded to individuals or teams employed by CCISD who are involved in the instruction of students.
- A teacher may submit more than one grant application.
- Projects are reviewed and evaluated on an individual basis.

Team Grant Opportunity*:

- CCEF Program committee can approve a higher grant amount up to $10,000 for team based, collaborative projects based on the merit of the application. These are limited and additional approval steps will be required including the following:
    - Must include a minimum of two CCISD teachers co-writing and implementing the proposal. Administrators can be included.
    - Encouraged to engage multiple CCISD schools and have a large student impact.
    - Community Involvement is strongly encouraged.
    - Be sustainable for multiple years (3-5 years) with little to no additional outside funding.
    - Must be endorsed by campus principal and a CCISD Curriculum Coordinator.
    - A presentation in front of the CCEF Programs Committee of proposal may be required to secure funding.

CCEF will fund the following:

- _NEW programs at your campus that are sustainable, innovative_ learning opportunities for CCISD students. Programs do not have to be new in the district and can currently be done at another campus.
- All academic areas, however the project's activities should engage and enhance the student's overall academic experience. The project's major components must have academic merit and be feasible within a school year. The project focus may be multidisciplinary.
    - If submitting a grant for a non-core academic area, please explain how the project enhances the student's overall academic experience and/or links to a core academic area.
    - Projects must align with district curriculum and strategic plan.
- Landscaping (See separate guidelines) – Separate CCISD addendum must be included at time of submission.
- Technology - Grants should support the CCISD Strategic Plan and must adhere to CCISD data privacy standards and responsible use guidelines. Technology software, hardware and accessories must be approved by the Technology Dept. to ensure compatibility with existing technology and best options available.

CCEF will NOT fund the following:

- Repeat requests for projects already funded by CCEF at your campus.
- Funds will not be granted for projects where materials or services (including technology) are currently available through CCISD, PTA or other funding sources.
  - o If the technology provided by the district can accomplish what you are requesting through another medium, the request will not be funded (i.e. tablets provided versus a video/recording device of the same caliber).
- Funds will not be made available for consultant fees, seminar registration fees, travel and other related expenses.
- Grants that request funds <u>solely</u> for student field trips. Field trips may be funded when the primary purpose and budget of the grant is focused on the implementation in the classroom
- Continued maintenance or funding of projects (i.e. landscaping or supplies to keep project going).

Evaluation Criteria:

GOALS/OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION:
- Goals and objectives must be aligned with the district curriculum, clearly defined and linked to **student learning and achievement**. Applicant must be clear about what skills, behaviors, etc., the students will accomplish because of the grant project. Please be sure to *CLEARLY STATE THE **NEED, PURPOSE AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS** OF THE PROJECT*.
- Timeline must be feasible for implementation during the school year.

IMPACT, CREATIVITY AND GROWTH:
- The project should meet the needs of a **significant number** of students in the school and/or district with the goal of achieving a reasonable cost per student. However, we recognize there may be cases where the number of students served is smaller.
- It should also support campus and/or district goals.
- When possible, please submit a **partial funding request** if you can manage the project with less funding.
- The project may either reflect the teacher's own, original idea or it may be a creative adaptation of an existing teaching idea, project, or strategy. CCEF is looking for *new* innovative, creative ideas.
- Student and teacher benefits and growth opportunities should be clearly defined.

EVALUATION AND SUSTAINABILITY:
- Plans for evaluating the project must be clearly defined with measurable performance goals. Please only submit the requested information and no additional attachments, unless specifically requested. Please do not use standardized testing as a form of evaluation. Meaningful, measurable goals are critical to your grant application being awarded.
- Projects that are self-sustaining for future years are encouraged but not required.
- You will be asked to provide grant status/impact reports by May 24, 2026 to the Clear Creek Education Foundation Programs Committee through the application portal.

BUDGET:
- The project should have a clear and accurate budget illustrating how you will utilize CCEF's funds to the fullest extent and be a good steward of the donor dollar.
- Incomplete line-item budget sections will not be funded.
- Link to Purchasing Process Flowchart

Selection Process:

- The Teacher Innovative Grant (TIG) online link has been emailed to all CCISD principals and teachers for your use. The guidelines may be obtained online at www.ClearCreekEducationFoundation.org or https://apps.ccisd.net/ccefgrants.
- Teacher initiated applications **must be approved by the campus principal** or they will not be considered. The approval will be emailed to the principal once the online application in finished.
  - o Technology requests will automatically go through an approval process by the Director of Technology once the application is submitted and prior to the principal.
- Applications will be reviewed, evaluated, and awarded by the Programs Committee of the CCEF. The project evaluation guidelines are included below and are suggested to be used as a resource when writing your application.
- The grant applications recommended for funding will be submitted to the Foundation Board of Directors for final approval.
- All applicants will receive notification of awards in May 2026.

If awarded the grant:

- Grant funds are made available in the spring of 2026.
- Grantees (or campus bookkeeper) are expected to attend a grant orientation held in September to guide you in the grant process.
- All expenditures for materials/supplies must follow district purchasing guidelines and utilize the Purchase Order process. All vendors must be on the District vendor list or vendor must be willing to complete the paperwork to be approved. Please do not plan to order from online vendors unless they are approved by CCISD. Reimbursements to grantees are rarely made and must be granted prior to purchasing.
- Awarded funds can ONLY be spent for specific materials requested within the grant.
- Once all parties related to your grant have completed the virtual training on CCISD purchasing procedures in CANVAS, you will receive an email from ccefgrants@ccisd.net with budget details. Questions about changes in purchasing or program implementation should be directed to ccefgrants@ccisd.net.
- It is highly encouraged to spend your program funds in September/October of the grant period to fully utilize the grant. All POs are to be closed by the last day of school, May 2026. Any remaining funds will be returned to CCEF to support future grants.
- If you transfer campuses and/or change positions the following school year, the grant will stay with your original campus in order to maintain the original intent in which the grant was funded.
- The Foundation loves videos, photographs, and letters from parents and students at any time throughout the year. Please upload them in the portal. Please make sure parents have signed the media release to allow pictures of students to be used.
- In order for CCEF to track the impact of its programs in CCISD, an evaluation of your project will be requested. An electronic evaluation form will be made available to you in January for submittal by the end of school. **Your participation in the evaluation will be considered the following year for grant requests.**

Program Samples

- Recipients of the 2025-2026 Teacher Innovative Grants can be found on the Clear Creek Education Foundation website, www.ClearCreekEducationFoundation.org.

**Clear Creek Education Foundation
Teacher Innovative Grant (TIG) Application
Guidelines for Project Evaluation**

1. Goals/Objective and Description 30%

- Is the need and purpose clearly stated?
- Are the stated project goals feasible?
- Is there a direct connection between student needs and goals?
- Is the need critical?
- Are the activities/procedures clearly outlined and directly related to the purpose and objectives?
- Is the project multi-disciplinary or does it involve only one academic discipline?
- Does it enhance overall academic achievement?

2. Impact, Creativity and Growth 30%

- Is the project a creative adaptation of a core subject?
- Is the project innovative?
- Has it been done at another school?
- Has the grant been funded previously? Is this an enhancement of a previous grant?
- Can it be replicated and adopted as a best practice in other classrooms/schools?
- Will the grant have an impact on a large number of students?
- Are the direct student benefits and growth opportunities clear?
- Are the direct teacher benefits and growth opportunities clear?

3. Evaluation/Sustainability 30%

- How will CCEF know if the grant was an effective expenditure?
- Are meaningful, measurable criteria used?
- Are their specific evaluation methods stated that will be used to measure success (other than standardized testing) i.e. number of books checked out, number of parents attended, etc.
- Are evaluation methods adequate for skills or knowledge to be measured?
- Is the grant sustainable for future years?

4. Budget 10%

- Does budget meet all specified restrictions?
- Is the cost per student reasonable?
- Is partial funding possible? Did grant identify how to partially fund?
- Are partnerships in funding available through PTA or other community group?

- **The following pages are sample screen shots of the required sections for the online grant system. This is provided to assist you in preparing responses for your grant application.**

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CCEF Grant Portal

Please Log in with your Network Credentials.

Username

Password

Log in

If you have any questions, please call 281-284-0031 or email dlaine@ccisd.net. For technical issues, please submit a Topdesk ticket.

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TIG Grants

Name	Status	Guidelines	Grant Application Link
Teacher Innovative Grants	Open due: 1/31/202	TIG Guidelines	New TIG Application

View/Edit	Submit/View Evaluation	Project Title	Date Started	App Status
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New TIG Application

Show All Sections

Applicant Information

*Name:	*Title:	*School:	*Grade(s)/Subject(s) Taught:	*Email:	🗑
*Phone:	*Address:	*City:	*State:	*Zip:	

Add an Applicant

"Add an Applicant" is optional for those who are submitting with co-applicants.

Search

ID:

First Name:

Last Name:

Campus:
-- Select --

Search   Close

New TIG Application

Show All Sections

Applicant Information	
Principal/Supervisor	

Add Supervisor

Search

ID:

First Name:

Last Name:

Campus:
-- Select --

Search Close

General Information

*Are you a past grant winner?
⦿ Yes ◯ No

*Has this grant or a similar grant been funded in the past?
⦿ Yes ◯ No

*If yes, explain when grant was awarded by CCEF and why further funding is being requested. Also, if yes to enhancement of a previous grant, please explain previous CCEF grant awarded and what this enhancement is:

Characters remaining: 2000

*Is this an enhancement of a previous grant:
⦿ Yes ◯ No

*If yes, explain when grant was awarded by CCEF and why further funding is being requested. Also, if yes to enhancement of a previous grant, please explain previous CCEF grant awarded and what this enhancement is:

Characters remaining: 250

*Project Title:

Characters remaining: 100

*Project Summary:

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*Does this grant involve landscaping?
● Yes ○ No

*Have you already received proper approval for your landscaping project?
○ Yes ● No (If not, please submit a Facilities Modification Application here)

*Project Subject Area(s):

Characters remaining: 100

*Grade Level(s):

Characters remaining: 100

*Estimated number of Students Participating/Impacted:

Characters remaining: 99

*Grant Request $:
(Max is $5,000/grant or $10,000/team grant)

$0.00

Characters remaining: 95

*Will this grant impact multiple schools?
● Yes ○ No

*Is this a Team Grant request of over $5000 and up to $10000?
○ Yes ● No

*Please list all schools impacted:

Characters remaining: 2000

Goals/Objectives and Description

*Clearly state the need or problem addressed by this project. Clearly state the expectations. How is this project creative or innovative? How does this directly benefit students and provide academic growth opportunities? What are the teacher benefits?

Characters remaining: 2000

*Does this grant supprt district and campus goals?

○ Yes   ● No

*Does this grant impact any Superintendent Targets?

(Select all that apply)

☐ I. We will foster a safe and nurturing environment.
☐ II. We will design and implement learning experiences that inspire student achievement agency and growth.
☐ III. We will cultivate social and emotional capacity and a commitment to service before self.
☐ IV. We will expand the organization's capacity to accomplish our strategic intent.
☐ V. We will ensure our community parents staff and students exercise shared ownership of our mission.

*Does this engage outside volunteers (students, parents, community members)?

● Yes   ○ No

*If Yes, please explain further the role of outside volunteers to support this grant

Characters remaining: 2000

Timeline

*Provide a timeline for implementing this project (identify milestones & dates) in the current school year. For future years, explain ways project will expand or grow. Thoroughly explain the implementation of this project.

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Evaluation

*Clearly describe how the project will be evaluated to determine its success. Clearly describe the evaluation method or procedures identifying the skills or knowledge students are expected to acquire. Please do not use standardized tests as a form of evaluation.

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*Will this project be sustainable for future years?

◉ Yes ○ No

*How will you get funding for any consumable materials in the future years?

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*Explain how this project will be sustainable for future years

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*Can this project be replicated?

○ Yes ◉ No

*Does it have the potential to be adopted as a best practice in other classrooms/schools?

○ Yes ◉ No

Budget Details

Develop a project budget and list specific materials, equipment, outside experts, etc. Estimate cost where not known. Note: Do not include items available from the school or school district.

Failure to complete a detailed budget item list will result in an incomplete proposal that will not be considered.

Item to be purchased	Total Cost	Budget Category	Purpose	Qty.	Vendor	CCISD Vendor?	Contract #	ILA	Can Be Reused?	Delete
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Add Budget Item

Total Per Budget:

Grant Request:

Total Students Impacted (during first year only):

Student Cost per Grant Request:

Does this grant involve technology?
(All requests that include software, hardware, and technology accessories must be approved by Technology Dept)
○ Yes ● No

Is Partial Funding Possible?
● Yes ○ No

*If yes, Partial Amount Requested:
$0.00

*If yes, how will grant change with less funding?

Will additional funding be needed to sustain project?
● Yes ○ No

*If yes, please explain further with reason and plan:

Are the requested materials or services available through current or future CCISD resources?
● Yes ○ No

* If yes, please justify why you are requesting them:
NOTE: If yes, it is very unlikely this application would be approved since the resources will be available through CCISD and it is advised not to submit this application now until further evalutaion.

Please Note:

Funding will not be granted for projects that call for purchases of materials or services available from the school district including technology.

Stipends and other salary payments to the applicant are not permitted. Funds cannot be used for consultant fees, seminar registration fees, travel and other related expenses.

Funds can only be spent for the specific materials requested of the grant awarded.

☐ I have read the guidelines for this grant and agree that the information submitted is true and correct.

Submit   Exit

New Budget Item

*Item to be Purchased:

Characters remaining: 100

*Quantity:
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*Total Cost:
$0.00

*Budget Category:
Any item such as computer accessories, computer mice, keyboards, monitors, printers, software etc. would be considered a "Technology Item"
-- Select --

*Purpose:

Characters remaining: 100

*Anticipated Vendor:

*Is this a current CCISD contracted vendor, or ILA (Cooperative Purchasing) vendor?
○ Yes ● No

If yes, please provide either the Contract # or ILA
Please note, your campus secretary/bookkeeper can assist you with this. If not, please contact purchasing.

Contract #   ILA

*Can item(s) be reused?
○ Yes ● No

Add Item   Close

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For the question: Is this a CCISD Vendor? You selected No. It is strongly recommended that you select a current approved ISD vendor. If you do not, the process to approve a new vendor takes more time and will require your assistance in setting them up as an approved vendor before you can purchase grant materials.

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ou have any questions, please call 281-284-0031 or email dlaine@ccisd.net. For technical issues, please submit a Topdesk ticket.

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