

IMPACT Grant Application

Education Minnesota Foundation for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

*Mission: Education Minnesota's Foundation for Excellence in Teaching and Learning:
promoting vision, best practice and achievement*

Foundation's goal

Education Minnesota Foundation seeks to encourage and support broad-based efforts to effect meaningful, long-lasting change in the policies and practices that shape teaching and learning. Using innovative program designs and projects, and in partnership with those agents most likely to assist in driving these changes, the Foundation ultimately expects to positively impact the learning experiences of Minnesota students.

The Foundation believes that a major and effective way to attain this far-reaching goal will be through systemic improvements in the experiences of educators and students. Through this grant, it is the Foundation's intent to promote the research, development and adoption of policies and practices that will become the basis for those improvements.

Deadline:4 p.m. January 12, 2018

Grants awarded by:June 2018

Funds to be spent by:July 2019

Application process

The program consists of awards for theme-based, renewable projects with second-year funding contingent on progress toward the goal demonstrated in year one. IMPACT Grant projects must be coordinated by an active member of Education Minnesota who has teamed up with a nonprofit organization or their local union/school district. Approximately \$15,000 is available for one year. The budget should reflect a one-year project.

This grant program is not designed to accommodate individual classes or improvements to specific curricula; rather, the intent is to influence policies and generalized practices concerning educators and students.

Written applications will be screened with leading applicants presenting their proposal to the Foundation Board of Trustees for final decision. Signed and scanned applications in .pdf format are preferred and can be emailed to foundation@edmn.org. All applications are reviewed by the Board of Trustees of the Foundation – teachers and support professionals who are members of Education Minnesota.

Application process

Eligibility

To be considered, applications must:

- Be member driven;
- Be coordinated by an active member of Education Minnesota who has teamed up with a nonprofit organization or their local union/school district;
- Have student learning as an ultimate, clearly stated, desired outcome;
- Include Education Minnesota members as partners in the planning and implementing processes;
- Include a project evaluation component;
- Demonstrate capacity (or potential) for systemic impact on educators;
- Include goals, intended outcomes, participants, budgets and timelines.

Preference

Preference will be given to applications that:

- Address the theme/issue identified by the Education Minnesota Foundation Board as an area of concern or interest;
- Incorporate action research in their framework;
- Partner across grade levels and disciplines;
- Include partners (groups, organizations, individuals, local unions/school districts) who are in a position to effect and/or support changes in policy and/or practices related to the project initiatives;
- Produce useful data which can be shared and reproduced for the benefit of educators and students;
- Carefully consider the potential impact of their project on policy decision makers (classroom, local, district, legislature, voters);
- Carefully consider the potential statewide impact;
- Include matching and in-kind contributions.

Note: If you have requested a \$5 assessment refund from Education Minnesota, you are not eligible to apply at this time. If you have any questions, contact Dayonna Knutson at dayonna.knutson@edmn.org, 800-652-9073.

IMPACT Grant Application: Data Sheet

**DATA SHEET TO BE COMPLETED BY THE EDUCATION MINNESOTA MEMBER
ACTING AS "MEMBER PROJECT COORDINATOR" FOR THE PROJECT.**

Member Project Coordinator Name: _____

Grant Project Title: _____

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Home Address, City, State, ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Organization/Local Union Name: _____

Organization/Local Union Address, City, State, ZIP: _____

Organization/Local Union Phone: _____

Organization/Local Union Project Coordinator Email Address: _____

Team Member 1 Name: _____

Team Member 1 Affiliation (organization): _____

Team Member 1 Email: _____

Team Member 2 Name: _____

Team Member 2 Affiliation (organization): _____

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Team Member 2 Email: _____

Is the organization you're planning to work with a nonprofit? Yes No

If no, is the organization a public agency/unit of the government? Yes No

If no, check with funder for details on using fiscal agents, and list the name and address of fiscal agent:

Fiscal Agent's Name: _____

Fiscal Agent's EIN Number: _____

Fiscal Agent's Address: _____

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS OFFICE NO LATER THAN 4 P.M. ON THE DUE DATE.

Mail/email grant applications to:
Education Minnesota Foundation for Excellence in Teaching and Learning
41 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul, MN 55103-2196
foundation@edmn.org – 800-652-9073

Note: Please expect a confirmation email within 1 week of submitting your application. If you do not hear back from the Foundation with a confirmation that your application was received, please contact Sam Jasenosky at sam.jasenosky@edmn.org or 651-292-4869.

YOUR LOCAL/AFFILIATE PRESIDENT SHOULD COMPLETE THIS SECTION.

Local or Affiliate Organization: _____

Local or Affiliate President Name (please print): _____

President's Email Address: _____

My signature below indicates that I have reviewed this application. Should this project be awarded grant funds, the local or affiliate agrees to support the project and help prepare final reports summarizing the project outcomes and related financial expenditures. My signature also certifies that the member project coordinator is a member of Education Minnesota holding active membership status.

Signature of Local or Affiliate President: _____

Date: _____

IMPACT Grant Application: Narrative

ALL APPLICANTS MUST ADDRESS ALL NARRATIVE TOPICS AND COMPLETE THE DATA SHEET.

1. Write a one paragraph summary of your project and what you expect to accomplish.
2. IMPACT Grants are awarded to projects that support systemic change in the policies and practices that shape teaching and learning.
 - Briefly describe the demographics of your project audience, in terms of students and educators.
 - Briefly describe the current types of policies and practices available for professional development within your project audience.
3. Describe the nonprofit organization or local union/school district with which you're working. What is it about this organization that will be helpful in implementing successful change?
 - If applicable, please include a one-page copy of the organization's Internal Revenue Service (IRS) nonprofit determination letter with your application.
4. IMPACT Grants must be member-driven, with student and educator learning as the ultimate outcome.
 - How does this project intend to include members of Education Minnesota?
 - Describe how the project has a capacity to systemically influence educators.
 - Describe how the project has a capacity to systemically influence students.
5. Successful IMPACT Grant applications use a clearly defined and feasible plan of action.
 - Describe the goals you hope this project will achieve, as well as a process to evaluate whether those goals will be met.
 - Include a timeline or flow chart that indicates approximately when major activities will take place.
 - Include a table or chart that lists anticipated items/materials to be purchased and approximate costs.
6. Grant recipients will be expected to collect data and use it to monitor and adjust their projects.
 - What data (related to either student or educator need) will you have at the beginning of your project to use as a baseline?
 - How do you expect the data that you collect by the end of the project will be useful for students and educators in the future?

Your application will be reviewed only when it is considered "complete"—that is, all questions are answered, all documents mentioned above are attached, and a completed and signed data sheet is received. If all items are not received, your application will not be reviewed by the Foundation Board of Trustees.

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