



Innovative Teaching Grant 2020-2021

Rockland Community Foundation (RCF) is pleased to announce its 2020-2021 **Innovative Teaching Grant Program**. Funded through a grant from The Aufgang Family Charitable Trust, this program recognizes teachers engaged in exciting and innovative methods of instruction and provides funds to enable teachers to carry out instructional activities in Rockland County K-12 schools. **This year’s grant criteria and award levels have changed in light of COVID-19 and the challenges facing educators. Focus and favor will be given to grant applications that align with STEAM (Science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) and those that seek to use virtual based technologies that offer flexibility in either traditional classrooms or video platforms.**

Who should apply? *

Individual teachers, groups of teachers, or schools may apply. Note: Multiple teachers from the same school may apply for individual grants; teachers may apply for individual grants as well as be included for consideration in group applications or wide area programs. Teachers who have received grants in prior years are eligible to reapply.

Grant Award Levels – 2020*

Individual

Programs being implemented by individual teachers	\$200 - \$500 per grant	Up to 6 grants
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Group

Programs being implemented by two or more teachers	\$500 - \$1000 per grant	One grant
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Wide Area

Programs being implemented grade-wide, school-wide or district-wide	\$1000 per grant	One grant
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**The number of awards given annually depends on available funds and the quality of applications received.*

How to apply

Applications must be submitted electronically. The application can be either printed out from the RCF website (www.rocklandgives.org) or photocopied from an existing hard copy. Application must be completed, scanned and emailed with required attachments to admin@rocklandgives.org. **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED AS A SINGLE PDF FILE.**

Deadline for applications is October 1, 2020. Awards will be disbursed no later than November 15, 2020.

How will my application be evaluated?

All applications will be reviewed by the Rockland Community Foundation Grant Committee. Programs funded must be completed by the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Applications will be evaluated for relevance to state standards, employing creative ways of learning STEAM related subjects in a **virtual environment**, number of students that will benefit, evidence of measurable outcomes and clarity of the budget presentation. In addition, applicants are encouraged to research and request products and programs that can pivot from virtual to in person (and vis-a-versa) scenarios.

How may the funds be used?

You may apply for materials or activities that will enhance an existing curricular unit or for a project that would be new to the classroom, grade, school, or district. However, funds cannot be used to purchase curriculum materials that are normally purchased through the regular school budget process. You can apply for funds for programs that occur during or after the school day. Be creative! Be innovative!



RCF 2020-2021 Innovative Teaching Grant Application

Name(s): _____ **Subject(s)/Grade(s):** _____

Grant Type (please check one): Individual: _____ Group: _____ Wide Area: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Phone** _____

Principal's Name*: _____

**Application must be approved and signed below by the principal of the school. Please remember to include proof of employment along with your application.*

Project name: _____

Program dates: _____

Describe the project: *(You may attach additional information.)*

Is this project currently funded through the school's budget? _____

What part of the curriculum is this project designed to enhance?

Identify the student population that will benefit from this initiative: _____

Number of students/grades involved: _____
How will this project improve student performance? _____

Budget information: Please provide amounts requested and a description/list of items.

Supplies _____
\$ _____

Fees _____
\$ _____

Miscellaneous _____
\$ _____

TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED \$ _____

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET \$ _____

Please tell us if you have applied for or received funding from any other organizations for this project.
(Include name of the organization(s) and amount of support requested and/or expected.)

Is there anything else you wish to tell us about the project? *(Attach additional pages if needed.)*

I hereby grant and assign the Rockland Community Foundation the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use my information and image to publicize my nomination and/or receipt of this grant award. I also consent to have a copy of my application and all supporting materials retained indefinitely by the Rockland Community Foundation.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Principal's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Superintendent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
(If a district wide request)