Through generous support from the Newton Schools Foundation, grant funding is once again available to all NPS teachers and staff for the 2023/24 school year. The fall grant cycle opens on Monday, 10/2/23 and will close on Friday, 11/3/23 – at 5:00 PM.



Funding Mission

Newton Schools Foundation makes an annual donation to the Newton Public Schools that reflects a full-year of community-based fundraising efforts that provides the funding for staff to leverage opportunities for professional and student growth and achievement.

The NSF Grants Committee, in consultation with the NPS Grants Administration, reviews grant applications and allocates project funds based upon a thorough and objective analysis of staff proposals. Funding decisions are guided by two main principles:

- 1) Project alignment with NPS' goals and objectives
- 2) Project alignment with NSF's goals and mission.

The mission of Newton Schools Foundation is to advance excellence and equity in Newton Public Schools by funding grants in three strategic areas:

1. New Approaches in the Classroom

NSF makes grants to teachers that allow them to try new approaches in the classroom. This helps keep curriculum engaging and dynamic and encourages teachers to incubate ideas and collaborate as they cultivate their educational practices.

2. **Professional Development**

NSF invests in the professional growth of Newton educators so that they can expand their practice and supplement the opportunities that the district provides.

3. Programs that Promote Equity for all Students

NSF helps students to achieve their full potential by funding programs that address racial, income, and social identity inequities and balance the opportunities available to Newton's diverse student population.

Application

NPS faculty and staff are invited to submit a two-part application that includes a <u>Google Form</u> and a <u>budget template</u>. Both parts of the application are required for the NSF Grants Committee to consider the application.

Application Timeline

Grant Cycle = Submit between October 2nd, 2023 – November 3rd, 2023. Funding decisions to be communicated the week of December 18th, 2023.

Helpful tips to accelerate an application

- Be specific. What do you want to accomplish and how will you do it?
- Provide an appropriate level of budget detail
- Is the proposal new and unique? Does it supplement and not supplant current curriculum or enrichment opportunities?

Ouestions

For questions about how your grant application relates to NSF's goals and mission, the mechanics of your application, or about how you would implement your grant, please contact Amy Mistrot, mistrota@newton.k12.ma.us.