

# **GCCISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

**TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL INNOVATIVE TEACHING**

**GRANT APPLICATION**

**2025-2026**



# PURPOSE

Innovative Teaching Grants are designed to encourage, facilitate, recognize and reward **innovative** and **creative** instructional approaches and **best practices** in accomplishing program objectives. The Goose Creek CISD Educational Foundation (**GCEF**) offers teachers and other staff the opportunity to apply for grants to support innovative programs or projects that **promote higher levels of student learning**. The grants must **enhance student academic performance** and support the stated objectives, goals, and initiatives of the **District/Campus Improvement Plan**.



# WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

**Teachers**

**Principals**

**Directors**

**Communities in School  
of Baytown**

**Full-Time Staff involved in the  
instruction of students**



# WHAT IS INNOVATION?

GOOD TO PILOT

COST EFFECTIVE

IMPACT ON  
CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT  
& DISTRICT INITIATIVE

RESEARCH  
AVAILABLE

HANDS ON LEARNING

PARENT  
INVOLVEMENT  
PROGRAM



# IMPORTANT QUESTIONS BEFORE YOU START

**Why** do I want  
a grant?

What are my  
**long-term**  
project goals?

What am I  
looking to  
**accomplish?**

Is my grant  
**innovative?**

# OBJECTIVES



Limit the **number** of objectives.

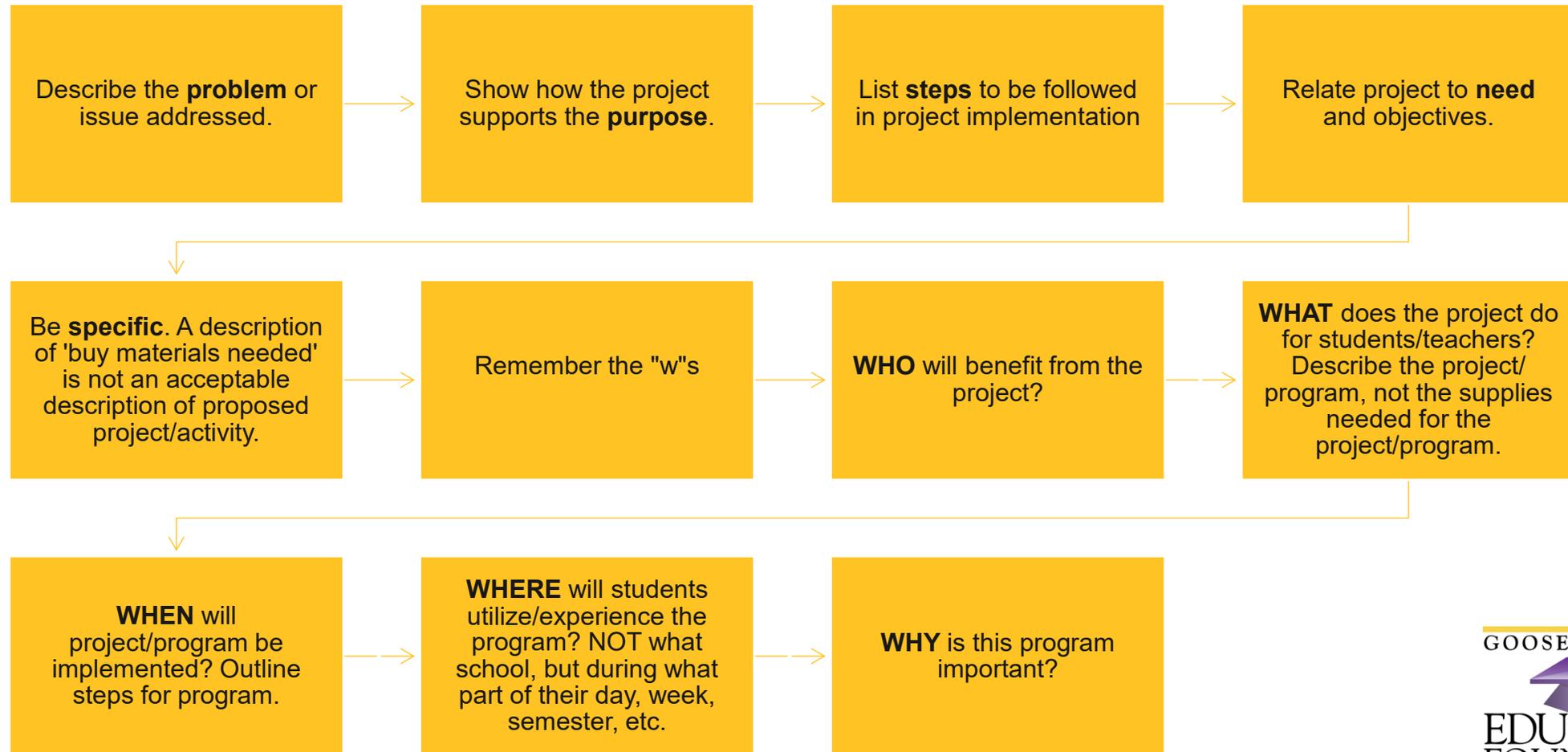


Imply or state **evaluation** in the statement of objectives.



Be specific on why you think the project is **innovative**.

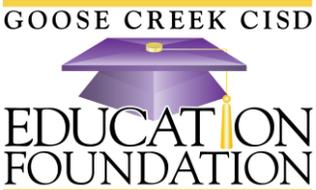
# DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT/ACTIVITY



# INNOVATIVE TEACHING GRANTS AWARDED SINCE 2010



**\$2,170,160.25**



# PARTNERS

- ✓ **List names** if there are **others** who will participate in this project. (i.e., CIS, Rotary, Kiwanis, Lion's Club)

- ✓ **What will their roles** be?

Note: Although team teachers may be co-teaching the program, they are not considered community partners.



# EVALUATION

- ❖ Relate to **stated objectives**.
- ❖ Indicate how you will know whether the project was **successful**.
- ❖ Outcome should be **measurable** (i.e., increase in test scores, higher attendance, increase in students participating in programs, etc.)

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- ❖ Is this project sustainable or will it require additional funding each year?
- ❖ Can this project be shared with other teachers in your school or across the district?

# SUSTAINABILITY



# BUDGETS

## *Prior to grant request...*

- ❖ **Technology** (including software subscriptions) **MUST** be pre-approved by GCCISD Technology Department. Most technology will only be considered for grant funding if it is used in conjunction with an innovative program/project.
- ❖ **Curriculum** purchases **MUST** be pre-approved by GCCISD Curriculum Department.
- ❖ **Furniture/Room Enhancements** **MUST** be pre-approved by district.



# QUALITY & FEASIBILITY



Make sure that your project is realistic and doable.



Ensure that the work you describe can be completed within the timeframe of the grant (usually one year).



Propose work that is relevant to your students' grade and abilities.



Make sure that your goals are clear, achievable, and measurable. Give careful thought to sustainability issues and address the impact your project will have beyond the life of the grant.



As with any written task, you should write clearly and concisely in your own voice. Use language that educators not necessarily familiar with your subject, grade, or geographic area can understand.



Avoid using field- and geography-specific jargon and acronyms, since these may be lost on members of the review panel.

SAFETY ISSUE

NOT SUPPORTED  
BY DISTRICT  
CURRICULUM

LACKS PARTNER  
FUNDING  
INFORMATION

NOT INNOVATIVE

NOT EDUCATIONAL

FUNDED THROUGH  
DISTRICT BUDGET

MULTIPLE  
REQUESTS  
SUBMITTED

NO SUBSCRIPTIONS

NO CONSUMABLES

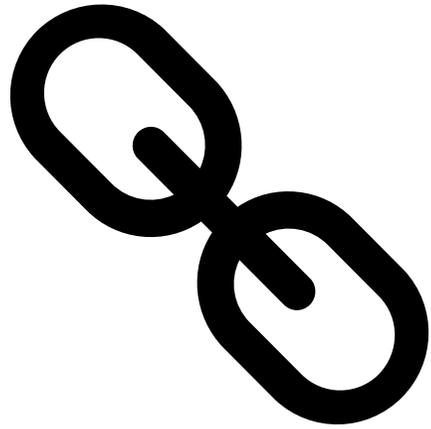
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DETAILS TO FULLY  
EVALUATE

INCLUDED CAMPUS  
IDENTIFIERS

REQUESTED FOR  
TEACHER TRAVEL  
OR TRAINING

# GRANT INEGIBILITY



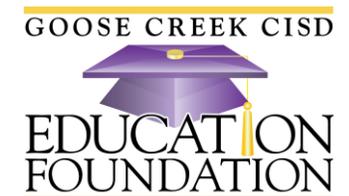


# PREVIOUSLY AWARDED GRANTS



# APPLICATION TIMELINE

- ❖ Call for Grants -----August 5, 2025
- ❖ Grants Due -----February 13, 2026
- ❖ Deadline for Principal Approval -----February 18, 2026
- ❖ Deadline for Curriculum Review -----February 27, 2026
- ❖ Grant Review Process Begins -----March 2, 2026
- ❖ Grant Review Deadline -----March 20, 2026
- ❖ Grant Selection Announcement to Foundation Board -----April 6, 2026
- ❖ Grant Submitted to GCCISD Board of Trustees -----May 4, 2026
- ❖ Giant Grant Giveaway!-----May 8, 2026





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