



2023-2024 Grant Guidelines and Application

The McCall-Donnelly Education Foundation is now accepting applications for projects that fall within any of the following categories. **Projects must clearly meet the intent of one of the following categories to be considered:**

Applications for these programs could include mentoring, off-site visits, fees and/or visiting educators, or early childhood development.

1. New and innovative programs that drive academic success in technical, vocational, or foreign language programs.
2. Programs that promote student engagement, mental health, well-being, and belonging.
3. Programs that promote healthier lifestyles, especially innovative nutrition and lifetime fitness programs.
4. Programs that promote creative thinking and sustainable growth in the arts and music.

How to apply: Applications are available online at MDEF.org. You must answer all questions on the application form and include a detailed budget. Grant proposals must be for no less than \$2,500 and no more than \$25,000. If you are affiliated with the McCall-Donnelly School District, the principal for the students who will be involved in your project must sign your application. Other MDS board of trustee rules and approvals may apply. Consult the district office if you are unsure of these requirements.

All applications must be received by email as a PDF attachment. Hard copies, incomplete applications, applications without required signatures, or late applications will not be accepted.

Applications must be received on or before Friday, May 1, 2023. Send completed applications to: grants@mdef.org.

Project funding will be determined in May 2023. Funds will be available on June 1, 2023 and must be expended by June 30, 2024.

Variances in expenditures from the original proposal may be granted, but the grant recipient must inform the MDEF prior to proceeding with the variance. MDEF reserves the right to reject the variance request. Use of excess funds from cost savings must have MDEF approval prior to expenditure. Any unused funds at the end of the 2023-2024 grant cycle, June 30, 2024, must be returned to MDEF.

Grantees will be required to sign a grant acceptance agreement agreeing to the grant award provisions before funds are distributed. These provisions include requirements to give credit to MDEF in all external communications about your program. Interim and final grant reports will be required. Grant recipients must summarize how the funds were spent and provide proof of expenditures. The interim report must be received by January 31, 2024, and a final report must be received by June 30, 2024.



We are here to help! If you have questions regarding the MDEF grant program or the application, contact Erin Roper, grants@mdef.org. You may also contact an MDEF ambassador who can help you answer questions and guide you through the process:

- Payette Lakes Middle School — KC Wheeler, kwheeler@mdsd.org.
- McCall-Donnelly High School — Ted McManus, tmcmamus@mdsd.org.
- Donnelly Elementary School — Melissa Maini, mainime@mdsd.org.
- Barbara Morgan Elementary School — Valerie Berg, vberg@mdsd.org.
- Heartland High School — Phil Schoensee, pschoensee@mdsd.org.

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Applicant name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check the grant category this application represents:

- New and innovative programs that drive academic success in technical, vocational, or foreign language programs.
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Project title: _____

1. Brief narrative or summary of the proposed project:



2. How is applicant affiliated with the McCall-Donnelly School District? If not directly affiliated, what grades/age children does your project benefit and in what communities?

3. Why is this project needed? Please share how you anticipate the project will impact students.

4. What are the proposed outcomes of the project and how will they be measured?

5. How is the project innovative and new in its approach to achieving its proposed outcomes?

6. What is the timeline for the project? When would funds be needed?

7. If only partial funding for the project is awarded, how will this affect the project?



Proposed Project Budget

Budget item descriptions (Itemize)	Funds requested from MDEF	Matching funds provided by other sources (if any)	Total item cost (from all sources)
Totals:	MDEF Funds	Matching Funds	Total Cost

Total grant funds requested from MDEF: \$ _____