

ISD 88 FOUNDATION EDUCATOR GRANTS

LETTER OF INQUIRY (LOI) - INFORMATION



Mission: *To enhance the quality of education in ISD 88 while creating partnerships between the school, community, and alumni.*

CRITERIA

Thank you for your interest in our Letter of Inquiry (LOI). The Foundation's application process begins with filling out this form. The LOI should summarize a fully developed proposal and communicate that it is worthy of consideration for a grant award. The project should enhance the Foundation's mission and be in one or more of the following areas: innovation, enhancement of curriculum, improvement of campus and building, and/or provide enrichment and intervention opportunities. The Foundation will give preference to projects with the greatest impact. If your project is selected, one of our grant committee members will contact you and provide an application to fill out. This is not a guaranty of funding. It is the next step.

The Foundation acts as a FUNDER and SUPPORTER of New Ulm Public Schools. You must answer all the questions on the LOI. Your LOI may go over one page as long as it adheres to the project description limit of 1000 characters. If you have any questions, feel free to email the Foundation at info@isd88foundation.org.

The Foundation is looking to fund both large grants and small grants for approximately \$15,000 in awards per year.

Please fill out the LOI completely and submit through the website or send it to info@isd88foundation.org. We will contact you directly if your LOI has been accepted or if we have any further questions. If accepted, the Committee will send you a grant application to fill out to apply for funds. Applying is not a guaranty of funding.

We are here to help you to ENHANCE what you are already doing for the students of ISD 88. *Have you ever learned of an educational opportunity at a workshop, been inspired, and then wondered where you could go to get funding for that initiative? Have you ever thought your students could benefit from something new or different, something outside of the school district budget, but didn't know how to get it paid for?* That is why we are here - to enhance and support the important work of our district's educators.

“You are our Partner, so Dare to Dream and think outside the BOX”

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE LOI TO THE FOUNDATION IS DECEMBER 31st.

Email LOI Form to: info@isd88foundation.org

OR

**An online version of the LOI Form can be completed at:
www.isd88foundation.org/what-we-do/educator-grants/**

Dare to Dream “What if”/ Types of Projects

1. Fine Arts Center \$1.5mil
2. Large Scale Technology Improvements
 - a. District-wide wireless initiative
 - b. Expand Website capabilities to better utilize as a communication tool
 - c. Online Textbooks
3. Encourage initiation that supports STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
 - a. Expand funds for existing programs
 - b. Provide funds to provide outside the school and inside school opportunities
 - c. Invest in innovative equipment
 - d. Sponsor Annual Science Fair or Club Competitions that support our Mission
4. Presentations /Field Trips that “inspire”
 - a. Shakespeare Play as part of the curriculum/ Musical/ Symphony
 - b. Automobile Factory /Architect – inspire Engineers / Technicians
 - c. Observe a Surgery or Something in Medical Field
 - d. Courtroom Trial – inspire Lawyer/Judicial
 - e. Local or statewide Industry Speakers to inspire “possibilities”
5. Innovative Science / Updated Trade Equipment
 - a. Hands-On Advanced Integrated Equipment
 - b. Solar / Wind /Renewable equipment
 - c. Innovations in Family Consumer Science/Ag-IT Facilities
6. After School Programs / Clubs
 - a. Teacher Stipend / Timeframe
 - b. Equipment/Software for Robotics / fund Competition
7. Summer Program / Community Ed Program that supports our Mission and allows for more opportunities for our students
8. Programs that engage our students in our Community or Create “Character”
 - a. Inclusion/Diversity/Equity
 - b. Materials /Stipend for Community Service Project
 - c. Trip that allows students to look beyond themselves, test limits
 - i. Hiking / Kayaking
 - ii. Wilderness camping
9. Tutoring Partnership for Academic Excellence (St Paul Public School Foundation)
 - a. Strives to increase quantity of tutors to help eliminate Achievement Gap
 - b. Promote VISTA = Volunteer – in-Service-To-America
 - c. Foundation coordination?
10. % of Funds allowed for administrative expenses
 - a. Part-Time Foundation Director?
 - b. Mailing / PO Box rental
 - c. Advertising
 - d. Printing/paper