



EDUCATION INITIATIVE

WHITE HOUSE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Applications open for the 2025 White House Area Chamber of Commerce Educator Innovation and Enhancement Grant

The White House Area Chamber of Commerce's Education Initiative is a directive that exists to encourage, promote, and support innovative and creative education opportunities and to enhance workforce development within the school systems in the White House Area. Part of this directive is our Educator Innovation and Enhancement Grants that are awarded each year to White House Area K-12 public or private school teachers to use for special projects in their classrooms or school sponsored clubs. Since February of 2020, the White House Area Chamber of Commerce has funded over \$25,000 in Educator Grants.

The attached proposal form must be completed in its entirety and submitted no later than May 20, 2025 AT 4 PM. You may submit your proposal by e-mail to mandy@whitehousechamber.org, proposals can also be submitted in person at 412 Highway 76, White House or by mail to PO Box 521, White House with a cover letter reading "Attention: Education Initiative Committee".

Before submitting your application, please review your proposal with your principal. Principal approval is required. Recipients who have received grant funding for a grant in the 2024/2025 school year will not be eligible to apply. Grant applications must receive a score of 80 or higher on the scoring rubric for funding consideration.

Award recipients will be contacted no later than June 20, 2025. Recipients may be asked to attend a Chamber function in the fall of 2025 to present their program to the membership and community. If you are selected to receive an Educator Innovation + Enhancement Award, the White House Area Chamber Education Initiative Committee will contact you four to six months after receipt for follow-up and a report on the impact and progress of your grant-funded project.

If you have any questions, please contact the White House Area Chamber of Commerce at mandy@whitehousechamber.org or 615.672.3937.



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Educator Innovation + Enhancement Grant Rubric

The following criteria provide the White House Area Chamber of Commerce Education Initiative Review committee consistent guidance in evaluating grant proposals.

CRITERIA FOR FUNDING GRANTS

- Grant proposals may be submitted by educators that instruct at a K-12 school in the White House Area. Funding will be capped at **\$1,000**, proposals with a higher cost will be considered for partial funding. Group proposals with two or more teachers will be considered for funding up to **\$2,500**.
- Proposal requests which include equipment provided by the school district will not be considered unless proof is submitted that there is a need that has not been met and all other resources provided by the school district have been exhausted. Examples: digital cameras, digital projectors, etc.
- Proposals should focus on resources and/or projects that have a longer life span than a single year.
- Grants may not be used to pay teachers or staff.
- Resources purchased with grant funds become the property of the recipient's school.
- All grants must be approved by school principal.
- Recipients who received funding for the 2024/2025 school year are ineligible for additional funding.
- Applications with a score of 80 or more on the rubric will be eligible for funding consideration.

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Minimum Eligibility Requirements If the teacher and/or award proposal do not meet any one of the following requirements, the Review Committee will not evaluate the proposal.		
Teacher instructs students at a K-12 school in the White House Area.	YES	NO
Educator Grant proposal was submitted on the White House Area Chamber of Commerce Education Initiative Form as required.	YES	NO
Teacher completed the Educator Grant Proposal in its entirety, with no required information omitted.	YES	NO
Teacher submitted Educator Grant Proposal form to the White House Area Chamber of Commerce by the deadline as required.	YES	NO
If teacher received an Educator Grant in previous years, the teacher submitted the Project Completion form as required.	YES	NO
Teacher and principal signed forms as required	YES	NO
All minimum eligibility requirements met?	YES	NO

Teacher: _____ School: _____

White House Area Chamber of Commerce Educator Innovation + Enhancement Grant 2025 Application

APPLICANT NAME		SCHOOL NAME	
APPLICANT EMAIL		PRINCIPAL OF SCHOOL	
SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER		TITLE OF PROPOSAL	
# OF STUDENTS IMPACTED	DATE SUBMITTED	GRADE LEVEL AND SUBJECT AREA	

Please complete the following in entirety, may add up to two additional sheets for Project Proposal

Project Overview : _____

Project Objective: _____

State Standards: _____

Project Activities: _____

Project Evaluation: _____

Funding Requirements: (itemized budget, list any matching funds from other sources)

Type of Expense	Amount
1. _____	\$ _____
2. _____	\$ _____
3. _____	\$ _____
4. _____	\$ _____
5. _____	\$ _____
Total Expenses (sum lines 1-5)	\$ _____
Deduct any matching funds from other sources	(\$ _____)
Total Requested from White House Area Chamber of Commerce	\$ _____

Application must have signature of school principal to be considered.

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE & DATE
By signing this application, you are giving
your approval of the requested grant.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE & DATE
By signing this application, you are giving your approval that the
information provided is factual and agreeing to project comple-
tion and review procedures implemented by the committee.

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SCHOOL: _____

PROPSOAL NAME: _____

1. PROJECT OVERVIEW: Is the project described thoroughly, including how many students will benefit from the project? Can the project be continued after the current school year? Are project plans and timetables well thought out and organized?	
	10 points available
2. PROJECT OBJECTIVES: Is it clear what the teacher will accomplish with this project? Are the stated objectives specific, measurable and seem achievable? Is the project innovative?	
	25 points available
3. STATE STANDARDS: Which state standards will this project encompass? Will it impact more than one area of standards?	
	10 points available
4. PROJECT ACTIVITIES: Will Students be engaged in their learning environment during this project? Do students of several or all learning styles have the potential to benefit from this project?	
	25 points available
5. PROJECT EVALUATION: Is the process for measuring the project's objectives clear and organized? Does the teacher identify performance indicators as measures of the project's success?	
	15 points available
6. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS: Does the teacher itemize project expenditures? Are expenses reasonable and well thought out?	
	15 points available
TOTAL POINTS	100 points available
REVIEW COMMITTEE COMMENTS: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	