



Programs of Excellence





Each year, Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation (SPSF) provides grants to Saskatoon Public Schools (SPS) members to test or scale innovative initiatives and creative solutions that address challenges and opportunities impacting students. This year more than ever, schools, staff and students are faced with uncertainties and need to adapt to new ways of teaching and learning.

For 2020-21, we encourage you to focus on INNOVATIVE and SUPPLEMENTAL projects that will provide enhanced learning opportunities for students.

Funding Priorities:

- 1. **Empowering Innovation** Accelerating creativity in education and inspiring new opportunities for learning.
- 2. **Literacy** Essential skills that help us understand, contribute and belong to our communities. This broad definition includes numeracy and other fundamental skills.
- 3. Healthy Active Schools Learning environments that promote physical activity and student wellness.

Grant Amount:

- Grants are available up to \$5,000 per project.
- The Grants Committee may choose to fund all or a portion of your request

Eligibility:

All Saskatoon Public Schools are eligible to apply for funding.

Please coordinate with your Principal and obtain approval prior to submitting your application. In most cases, only one application will be approved per school; however, some exceptions may be made.

We ask that you explore all options for funding of your project. If other funds can be secured, SPSF will consider funding a portion of the project. Please include this information in your application.

Important Dates:

September 15th, 2020: Online applications due

October 5th, 2020: Successful applicants will be notified by this date

June 21, 2021: Project Final Report Due

How to Apply:

All applications must be submitted online. The Application Form can be found by clicking on this <u>link</u>. No late applications will be accepted.

Assessment Criteria:

Decisions about the grant allocations are made by the SPSF Grants Committee.

The committee will consider the following in determining which grants will be awarded:

- Project must fall within one or more of the Funding Priorities listed on page one
- Goes beyond basic education or core curriculum
- Addresses an urgent or pressing challenge or opportunity
- Is unique and has a clear and positive impact on many students
- Project is sustainable without funding from SPSF in future years
- If your school has been awarded grants in the past including amount, priority, focus, etc.
- Budget is realistic, has a plan in place to secure additional funding (if applicable) and does not qualify for funding from other sources
- Your plan is measurable and can report on specific indicators of success

Applications must be submitted by end of day Friday, September 15th, 2020.

If successful, you will be required to provide updates throughout the school year on your project, invite the SPSF Staff and Board to celebrate your success, and provide a final report complete with photos and stories.

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