



PRESS RELEASE

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Education Foundation of Odessa Awards More Than \$125,000 to ECISD Teachers

(Odessa, TX.) The Education Foundation of Odessa is excited to award **\$127,827.08** to Ector County ISD teachers for the 2020-2021 school year through its innovative grant program! These grant funds are in addition to the \$23,000 in Fine Arts funding announced last week, making a total of \$150,827.08 in funding for next school year.

See attached list of grant awards.

Education Foundation Director, Celeste Potter, says, “While the current year did not end the way we had planned, we are grateful to be in a position to continue awarding funds to our teachers in Ector County ISD. The Education Foundation Board of Directors look forward to seeing all of these grants in action in the 2020-2021 school year.”

About the Grants Program

Each year, teachers, principals, and administrators from across the district submit proposals to the Education Foundation. A committee made up of Foundation board members reviews each grant and comes to a consensus on which projects to fund. Grants are evaluated on their innovation, creativity, student need being addressed, sustainability and content. This year, the Committee reviewed 95 proposals and were able to fund 47 of those requests.

Since the Foundation’s inception, and including this year, the Education Foundation has awarded more than \$2.6-million to fund innovative and creative projects in the classroom for ECISD students.

About the Education Foundation of Odessa

The Education Foundation of Odessa is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit, tax-exempt, philanthropic organization of citizens who share a vision of enhancing education in ECISD.

The Education Foundation of Odessa provides a new and innovative source of funding to support the school district’s educational plan. The Foundation does not attempt to replace lost state funding, nor does it attempt to take the place of the district’s operating budget. When considering the level of funding required to educate students, the Foundation can expect only to provide funds for those projects and activities that go beyond the normal classroom experience. Such initiatives provide

enrichment, research opportunities, teacher training, intervention and prevention strategies and extend the educational effort.

The mission of the Education Foundation is to create opportunities for education in Ector County ISD. Our vision is that every student in ECISD will be school-ready, college-ready, work-ready... WORLD-READY!

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Spring 2020 Grant Recipients


Lamar Early Education Center

Teacher(s): Brooklyn Arias

 STEM is Our Super Power - \$1,293.97

Blackshear Elementary


Teacher(s): Cecilia Gutierrez, Norma Galindo and Mariebel Zermeno

 It's All in the Box - \$2,250.00


Teacher(s): Beatrice Sosa and Christina Munoz

 Collaboration Stations - \$1,650.00

Teacher(s): Cecilia Gutierrez, Alicia Gonzales and Dave Machuca


 Hand2Mind Learning in Disguise - \$2,700.00

Teacher(s): Jeanette Chavez and Beatrice Sosa

 Reading Hand2Mind - \$2,400.00

Dowling Elementary

Teacher(s): Kelly Pyron

 For the Love of Books - \$2,065.66


Teacher(s): Donna Allen

 Because We're Dreamers - \$368.25

Milam Elementary

Teacher(s): Jennifer Marks


 Texas Library Association Annual Conference - \$1,462.75

 Fix Our Favorites - \$2,000.00

 Show Us Success - \$2,671.88

 Books for Bilinguals - \$3,134.32

Teacher(s): Claudia Lopez and Betsy Lujan


 AVID Summer Institute - \$2,550.00


Pease Elementary

Teacher(s): Maria Gonzalez

 A Connection Between Language, Culture, and Literacy - \$4,140.00


Teacher(s): Gwen Mayo

 Online, On Shelves, On Fire for Books - \$663.07


 OSMO-azing! - \$3,964.88

Reagan Elementary

Teacher(s): Janice Wilson

 One School, One Book - \$2,167.00

Teacher(s): Maricela Young


 Gaming Comprehension Skills - \$185.49

Zavala Elementary

Teacher(s): Julie Graham, Shanna Edwards, Valerie Martinez, Katrina Christensen, Nancy Valeriano, Ana Miranda-Castanos and Erin Reddell

 A Recipe for Success - \$2,313.00


Teacher(s): Linda Marquez, Tanya Galindo and Erin Reddell

 The Magic Book Machine - \$4,595.00

Buice Elementary and LBJ Elementary

Teacher(s): Johnna Rosson and Vanessa Brower

 Gifted Training: Gaining & Obtaining... Houston or Bust! - \$3,315.00

 Reading, Leading & Succeeding in the 21st Century - \$1,691.42

Bowie Middle School


Teacher(s): Kimberly Gideon and Brian Ellington

 First® Lego® League Competition - \$3,694.00

Crockett Middle School

Teacher(s): Juliette Farris

 I Can't Find Anything to Read! - \$5,127.76

 New Residents in the Library - \$1,000.00


Alternative Education Center

Teacher(s): Reynaldo Duran

 Chromebooks for International Collaboration - \$1,266.00


New Tech Odessa

Teacher(s): Yoana Picazo


 Rescue Beacons & Geometry - \$3,919.58

Odessa Collegiate Academy

Teacher(s): Elizabeth Gray


 AVID Summer Institute - \$850.00

Teacher(s): Travis Cooper

 Equipping the Back Yard Brain - \$3,250.00

OCTECHS

Teacher(s): Shelley Wagner, Bridgette Profit and Mark Perales


 To Walk in Their Shoes - \$4,570.00

Teacher(s): Stephanie Marin and Victoria Weinzell


 Magnifying Learning - \$1,258.75

Odessa High School

Teacher(s): Melissa Roth


 Advanced Academics Counselor Workshops - \$1,500.00

Teacher(s): Naomi Fuentes


 AVID Summer Institute - \$8,500.00

Permian High School

Teacher(s): Tim Gilley

 Diggin' Up Rome – An Archaeological Excavation - \$1,725.00

Teacher(s): Teri Richardson and Michelle Press


 Tag! Who's It? - \$9,700.00

Teacher(s): Ashley Sikora and Leondra Holman

 Vocational Training - \$3,447.95

Odessa High School and Permian High School

Teacher(s): Yesenia Barajas and Ramon Rivera

 Organic World Language - \$5,000.00

Advanced Academics

Teacher(s): Heather Bland

 Friday Night Reads - \$5,500.00


AVID

Teacher(s): Virginia Hunt

 Transforming Reluctant Readers - \$5,000.00

Instructional Technology

Teacher(s): Ashley Osborne and Christopher Bartlett

 Blended Learning in Action - \$6,000.00


Literacy Department

Teacher(s): Jaime Miller

 Reading is a Tasty Treat - \$5,000.00

Special Education Department

Teacher(s): Michelle Whetstone and Sarah Patton

 Learning is Functional Everywhere (L.I.F.E. Skills Lab) - \$3,936.35