

2027 Council Rock Education Foundation Innovative Learning Grant Application

27 questions · Estimated time: 30–40 minutes · Notifications by May 31, 2027

Council Rock Education Foundation (CREF) funds projects that enhance and elevate educational opportunities for CRSD students. Projects may introduce a new idea, insight, or approach, whether developed by you, adapted from another school or district, or inspired by continuing education. All projects must align with the CRSD curriculum. Before beginning your application, please review the key details below.

Key Dates

Application Information Session: **October 21, 2026**

Application Deadline: **February 07, 2027**

Grant Notification: **May 31, 2027**

Grant Types

- Single Teacher/Classroom Grant — **up to \$6,000**
- District-wide Collaborative Grant — **up to \$10,000**
- CRSD Alumni Directed Social Studies Focus Grant — **\$5,000 total**

Who Can Apply

All CRSD Staff and community non-profits within CRSD boundaries whose projects benefit CRSD students.

Applying Checklist & Requirements

- Meet with your building principal and curriculum coordinator to discuss your project idea before completing the application.
- If your project includes technology or equipment, consult with the IT Director to confirm compatibility and obtain signed approval.
- Download the required signature and budget templates.
- Obtain all required signatures from the building principal(s), curriculum coordinator, and Director of Business Administration. Include signed IT Director approval for any technology or equipment requests.
- If your project includes an outside presenter, prepare their résumé or organizational information to attach to your application.
- If you are not a CRSD staff member, contact CREF's Executive Director for guidance on obtaining the required signatures.
- **Submit your completed application online by February 7, 2027.** Late applications will not be accepted, and extensions will not be granted.

NOT CRSD staff, Contact CREF's Executive Director about obtaining signatures.

Grants are **NOT** intended to replace basic supplies the school/district should already provide, or to fund costs without a plan for sustaining them beyond this grant.

 LINK TO GUIDELINES: [CREF Grant Guidelines](#)

Question? Contact Beth Anne Dobosh, CREF Executive
Director, office@creducationfoundation.org

** Indicates required question*

1. Email *

ABOUT YOU

2. Full Name *

3. Your Position or Role *

 Dropdown

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Classroom Teacher
- ☐ Curriculum Coordinator
- ☐ Special Areas Teacher
- ☐ Counselor
- ☐ Administrator
- ☐ Other

4. School or Department *

Enter your primary school building or department

5. What type of Innovative Learning Grant are you applying for? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Single Teacher/Classroom Grant - up to \$6,000 *Skip to question 7*
- ☐ District-Wide/Collaborative Grant (multiple CRSD schools) - up to \$10,000
Skip to question 6
- ☐ CRSD Alumni Directed Social Studies Focus Grant - \$5,000 total
Skip to question 7

DISTRICT-WIDE / COLLABORATIVE APPLICANTS

This section is for District-wide / Collaborative grant applicants only. List all co-applicants.
Each building's principal must sign the signature page.

6. List all co-applicants (name and school for each) *

Include at least one applicant name and school per participating building.

THE PROJECT**7. Project Title ***

Give your project a clear, descriptive name.

Example: Water Quality Investigators: Hands-On Science for 4th Grade

8. **Main curricular area *** Dropdown

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Business Computer Information Technology
- ☐ English Language Arts
- ☐ English Language Development
- ☐ Family and Consumer Science
- ☐ Guidance and Counseling: (Counseling Services, Social/Emotional, Career Development, Cooperative Education Program)
- ☐ Health and Physical Education
- ☐ Library Media Services
- ☐ Mathematics
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Social Studies
- ☐ STEAM
- ☐ Technology and Engineering
- ☐ Visual Arts
- ☐ World Languages
- ☐ Special Services: (ACHIEVE, Assistive Technology, Autism, Gifted)
- ☐ Other

9. Which school(s) will benefit from this project? *

Check all that apply. Select every building where students will directly participate.

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Churchville Elementary
- ☐ Goodnoe Elementary
- ☐ Hillcrest Elementary
- ☐ Holland Elementary
- ☐ Maureen M. Welch Elementary
- ☐ Newtown Elementary
- ☐ Richboro Elementary
- ☐ Rolling Hills Elementary
- ☐ Sol Feinstone Elementary
- ☐ Wrightstown Elementary
- ☐ Holland Middle School
- ☐ Newtown Middle School
- ☐ Council Rock High School North
- ☐ Council Rock High School South
- ☐ Sloan School
- ☐ ACHIEVE
- ☐ Other (please specify):

10. Grade level(s) this project serves **Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Kindergarten
- ☐ 1st
- ☐ 2nd
- ☐ 3rd
- ☐ 4th
- ☐ 5th
- ☐ 6th
- ☐ 7th
- ☐ 8th
- ☐ 9th
- ☐ 10th
- ☐ 11th
- ☐ 12th
- ☐ ACHIEVE Students
- ☐ Other: _____

11. Approximately how many students will directly benefit from this project *

Enter a whole number.

Example: 60 students will use the microscopes.

12. If applicable, approximately how many students will indirectly benefit from this project? *

Enter a whole number and school building(s).

Example: 100 students will view the research at the science fair and 200 community members will visit the science fair.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Tell us about your project.

13. Describe your project. *

What resources will this grant allow you to purchase and how will students experience the resources?

Example: We will purchase 10 digital microscopes so students can investigate real water samples from a local stream. Over six weeks, 4th graders will design their own experiments, collect data, and share findings with the community.

14. How does this connect to your curriculum, and what makes it different? *

Connect to a specific CRSD unit or standard and mention it here. What will students be able to do that they aren't already doing?

Example: This connects to our 4th grade Earth Science unit on ecosystems. Unlike our usual textbook lessons, students will work with live data collected from their own neighborhood stream.

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16. **Why do your students need this, and why now? ***

What specific gap or challenge are you trying to address? What moment, observation, or data point made you realize this was needed? What's missing for your students right now that this grant would fix?

Example: Our school hasn't had hands-on science experiments since 2019. Students only learn from textbooks and have never run a real experiment. This grant would change that for all 90 of our 4th graders.

17. How will students benefit from this project? *

List 2-3 goals. Finish the sentences:

- **Students will be able to...**
- **Teachers will...**

EXAMPLE:

1. *Students will be able to design and run a real science experiment from start to finish.*
2. *Students will be able to read and interpret environmental data from their own community.*
3. *Teachers will have a reusable 6 week unit ready for future classes.*

18. What is your anticipated timing for this project? *

Give your start and end dates, plus 1-2 key milestones.

EXAMPLE: Project runs Sept. 2027-Jan. 2028; Equipment ordered by Oct; Students present in Jan.

IMPACT

19. **How will you measure the success of this project? ***

For each goal you listed above, describe what evidence will show it was achieved.

Examples: pre/post assessments, student work samples, surveys, rubrics, anecdotal notes.

Example:

Goal 1 (students design an experiment): Scored lab report rubric, before and after

Goal 2 (read environmental data): Pre/post quiz comparing scores

Goal 3 (reusable unit): Completed unit plan filed with curriculum coordinator

20. **What do you anticipate will happen with this project after the grant period ends? ***

Check all that apply. There is no “right” answer, this helps CREF understand the long-term impact of your project.

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Equipment or materials will be reused in future years
- ☐ The project could be duplicated or scaled by other teachers or classes
- ☐ The project could be duplicated or scaled but would require additional funding
- ☐ This project is intentionally designed as a one-time experience
- ☐ Not sure yet
- ☐ Other: _____

21. **Briefly explain your selection. One or two sentences is fine.** *

Example: The equipment will live in our science room and be used by all 4th grade classes going forward. A second teacher has already expressed interest in running the same unit next year.

22. **How will you share your results with the CRSD community (administration, teachers, parents)?** *

Sharing your work is an important part of this grant. Check all that apply.

 **A short slideshow with photos is one of the easiest ways to share.** Even 5 slides with pictures and a few student quotes works perfectly. Make sure you have photo permission for any students featured.

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Present at school, grade-level, or district event
- ☐ Share with colleagues at a department or staff meeting
- ☐ Student showcase or exhibit (in school or community)
- ☐ School, CRSD, and/or CREF newsletter and/or social media
- ☐ Other

BUDGET

Please provide a clear, accurate summary of your project costs. Full details belong in the uploaded budget template.

23. **Total amount requested (\$)** *

Enter a dollar amount with no \$ sign or commas. Example: 3200

Make sure your total here matches the total in your uploaded budget template.

24. Upload your completed CREF Budget Template (required) *

Please use the official CREF Budget Template to list all items you plan to purchase. Before uploading, make sure your budget template includes:

- **Itemize everything:** Materials, subscriptions & fees and follow CRSD purchasing guidelines.
- **Quotes:** Purchases over \$1,000 need 3 quotes attached (or a note explaining why only one vendor exists). Missing quotes = rejected requisition
- **Bid list items:** Note the bid number and item number on the requisition, or it will be rejected.
- **Transportation and food** will only be funded if essential to the project.

Important: Taxes cannot be funded (CRSD/CREF are tax exempt). Quotes should be valid through time of purchases. Upload any supporting documents (quotes, screen shots, invoices) along with your template.

Files submitted:

Please itemize all costs associated with the grant request. Upload any supporting documents such as quotes, invoices, or “screenshots” of online shopping carts. ***Please note that the quote should be valid until purchase (typically Fall 2027).***

- If you are purchasing a product with a unit cost greater than \$1,000, please provide documentation of a minimum of three (3) quotes. Requisitions that do not have this information attached will be rejected. If it is impossible to get quotes because only one vendor provides the product, please document this in the notes of the requisition.
- If you are purchasing an item that is on one of the bid lists, please ensure that the bid number and item number are noted on the requisition form. If it is not included, the requisition will be rejected.
- Please note, taxes will not be funded. CRSD/CREF are tax-exempt organizations.
- If you have any questions, please contact the CRSD Business Office directly.

Materials and Supplies	Qty	Amount	Total
Equipment			
Subscriptions and Fees			
Total Cost			

25. **Are there any other funds supporting this project? (Optional)**

If yes, describe the source and amount. Leave blank if no other funding.

Example: PTO is funding the consumables; this grant would cover the equipment.

SIGNATURES AND TERMS

These signatures confirm that your building and curriculum leadership support this project. Please obtain all required signatures before submitting.

Required for all applicants: Building Principal and District Curriculum Coordinator

Required only if your project involves new software, hardware, or facility changes: IT Director and Director of Business Administration

Not sure if this applies to you? This typically includes purchasing new devices or software that require IT installation, licensing, or ongoing support, or any changes to a classroom space. If your project involves anything like this and you're unsure whether it qualifies, contact the IT Director or Business Office directly before submitting.

26. **Upload your completed signature page. ***

Grant Application Signature Page

****all signatures required unless noted****

If more than one building is involved, please have each building administrator sign this page.

By signing this document, all parties confirm that the proposed project/program adheres to CRSD curriculum.

Name of Grant Project _____

Applicant(s) Name

Applicant(s) Signature

District Curriculum Coordinator Name

District Curriculum Coordinator Signature

Building Administrator Name

Building Administrator Signature

IT Director Name (if applicable)

IT Director Signature (if applicable)

Dir. of Business Administration Name

Dir. of Business Administration Signature

Date submitted _____

Files submitted:

27. If awarded, I agree to the terms of acceptance of funds. *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Submit a mid-year check-in report via Google form by December 31, 2027
- ☐ Submit a final Grant Summary Report via Google form by June 30, 2028
- ☐ Provide photos and/or videos as requested
- ☐ Showcase your project to parents and the school community, options include: slide decks, photos, newsletters and social media (share posts to Council Rock Education Foundation)
- ☐ Acknowledge CREF as the funding source whenever you discuss, showcase, or communicate about the project
- ☐ Give CREF permission to share and publicize the grant
- ☐ Materials/equipment purchased are considered property of CRSD
- ☐ CREF retains rights to any profits from future distribution of a CREF-funded grant

28. I understand this is my final application submission for CREF review *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Yes, this application is final and complete

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