

Guidelines for City of Bowie Grants for Education

Eligibility:

To be considered for funding, applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- (1) Be a teacher in an eligible* Bowie school as designated by the Committee criteria, or
- (2) Have a proposal that will benefit students attending an eligible* school located within the Bowie city limits.

*Eligible schools include: Bowie & Tall Oaks High Schools; Benjamin Tasker & Samuel Ogle Middle Schools; C. Elizabeth Rieg, Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center; Cornerstone Christian Academy, Grace Christian, Holy Trinity (lower school) & Saint Pius X; Heather Hills, High Bridge, Kenilworth, Northview, Pointer Ridge, Rockledge, Tulip Grove, Whitehall & Yorktown Elementary Schools.

Funding:

1. Up to \$15,000 has been set aside to fund the grant program. Individual grants are awarded in amounts ranging from \$100 - \$1,000.
2. A selection committee will determine the successful applicants and the amount to be awarded. The number of grants and the amount of money awarded will be based on the number of applications submitted, the quality of projects, and the amount of money requested.

Requirements:

1. Proposed programs must take place in, or directly impact students in an eligible* Bowie school, as identified above. All grant proposals that are designated to take place in a school building **must** have the approval of the Principal or school Administrator.
2. Person or group receiving a grant will be expected to complete an evaluation and assessment of the effectiveness of the program. Awardees will be required to submit a report about the project along with receipts, within ***four weeks of the project/event completion.***
3. All applications **must include a detailed budget** on the form provided.
4. Applications **must be** submitted on the official application form and **all** questions **must** be answered (including a detailed budget). Failure to do so will result in a disqualification from consideration.
5. ***Completed applications must be submitted by Monday, October 7, 2019.***
6. This grant is a cost reimbursement grant. Therefore, the grantee will be reimbursed for costs incurred up to the amount awarded by the committee. If approved, grants will be paid once receipts are submitted for reimbursement. ***Receipts MUST NOT be dated prior to receiving an award letter. The project cannot have begun prior to the grant notification date. Any changes to an approved Grant must be approved in writing prior to any expenditure of funds.***

7. The Education Committee requires that grant awardees follow all procedures that the committee has established in order to be awarded their grant.
8. All projects must be completed by **May 4, 2020**, unless special arrangements have been made with the Education Committee at least one month prior to May 4th.

Failure to adhere to the above requirements may delay or forfeit reimbursement, and will result in future ineligibility for participation in the grant program.

Below are some examples of the types of projects the Education Committee awards grants to:

- Projects that provide materials/resources that encourage youth to read and develop reading skills
- Projects that provide resources/materials for students that excite them about math and teach math skills
- Projects that provide materials/resources that explore the world of science
- Projects that are environmentally friendly such as rain barrels, butterfly gardens, and creating green space at the school
- Field trips that include class lessons and plans that follow and are approved by the Prince George's County Public School System's guidelines
- Arts projects that offer experiences in visual or performing arts, such as painting classes, drama workshops/clubs, music/theater performances that are tied to the curriculum or provide arts enrichment

City Of Bowie

Grants for Education Application 2019-2020

Application should be completed and submitted to the Education Committee, at Bowie City Hall by **Monday, October 7, 2019**. Questions should be directed to Sally Hein, Director of Community Services at shein@cityofbowie.org or 301-809-3014.

Please read the Eligibility Guidelines before completing this application

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number (home) (_____) _____

(work) (_____) _____

email _____

Relationship to Bowie school (teacher, parent, student etc.) _____

Project location _____

Project Title _____

Signature of Principal _____

I understand and agree that the City assumes no responsibility or liability for injuries to persons or property that result from or relate to use of the funds received by me from the City pursuant to this grant. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City and its officers and employees from any claims, damages, judgments or losses arising from any injuries to persons or property arising in connection with or related in any way to use of the funds received by me from the City pursuant to this grant. I further agree that funds will be spent only as specified in the Grant notification letter. Any changes must be approved in advance of expenditure.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Applicant's Name (please print): _____

All information included in this 2019-2020 Education Grant Application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Name (please print): _____

Since the selection process is blinded, please complete the following application form without including any information identifying the specific grant applicant or school.

Project Title _____

Description of proposed project: Please include: purpose of project, how it will be implemented, benefit to students, how the project enhances student learning and/or provides enrichment or expanded learning opportunities. Use back and/or attach a single extra sheet, if needed.

Target population (Grade &/or Age and # of students impacted.) _____

Is this a special education group? (Type) _____

Proposed starting date _____

Proposed ending date _____

Materials needed _____

Total cost of project _____ **(A detailed list of projected expenses must be included with application. Please use attached budget form.)**

Total amount of grant being requested \$ _____

Have you received or will you be applying for any other funding to assist with this Project? (Please Explain)

If additional funding has been applied for, please indicate in your detailed budget (requested above) which items you expect this grant to cover, and include costs of and what items will be covered with funds from other sources.

Will this project be initiated or this equipment purchased without this grant?

Please attach any other additional information you feel pertinent, and limit to *no more than two typewritten pages.*

Do not leave any sections of this application blank or unanswered.

Beyond the first page, information should not identify the person requesting the grant or the school.

Submit all information to the attention of the Education Committee, by email to shein@cityofbowie.org, or mail to the Bowie Education Committee, Bowie City Hall 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716

Grant applications must be received by Monday, October 17, 2019.

Grant # _____
(to be assigned)

**City of Bowie
2019-2020 Grants for Education
Budget Request Form**

Title of Grant _____

Please include all expenses, for this project, using the chart below.

Note: this includes funding sought from this grant request, as well as other funding. Please identify which funding is being requested through this grant and which will come from other sources, in the appropriate columns.

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>In Kind</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Funding: other sources</u> | <u>Funding Requested: this grant</u> |
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Grant # _____
Office use only

**2019-2020 Grants for Education
Application Checklist**

Please read and respond to the following questions and statements to ensure that your grant application is complete. Include this completed checklist with the application you submit.

Required Information

Yes/No

- Have you reviewed the application thoroughly? _____
- Are you proposing a project for students attending an eligible school? _____
- Are you proposing a project that benefits an appropriate target population? _____
- Have you included explanations of target population, benefits of project, etc.? _____
- Has your application been approved and signed where required? _____
- Are you submitting this application on or before October 7th? _____
- Have you answered all questions and included all required information? _____
- Have you completed the detailed budget form, with required explanations? _____
- Have you planned your project timeline to begin after grant notification? _____
- Are all attachments complete and included? _____

Purpose of the Proposed Project

Yes/No

- Does your project fit within the purpose of the grant, as stated on the application? _____
- Is your description clear and concise? _____
- Does your description include the items mentioned: purpose, explanation of project implementation, benefit to students, etc.? _____

Project Organization & Content

Yes/No

- Does your application include starting and ending dates? _____
- Are project materials and their uses explained? _____
- Have you followed project guidelines? _____
- Is information included easy to read and understand? _____
- Does information flow logically? _____
- Do the major points stand out? _____
- Does it meet limits on length and attachments? _____

Other Items of Major Importance to the Grant Application Process

Yes/No

Do you understand and will you be able to adhere to the following requirements?

- You will be required to submit a completed evaluation upon project completion*** _____
- Projects must not have begun nor expenses been incurred prior to the receipt of the award letter*** _____
- Any and all changes to approved grants must be submitted in writing, and approved, prior to the expenditure of funds*** _____
- Failure to adhere to the requirements may mean that you will not be reimbursed, and will result in future ineligibility for grants*** _____
- Is identifying information, person, (i.e. applicant, educators) & organization (school) names, addresses, email addresses, etc., included only on pages where allowed, per the instructions provided?*** _____