EQUITABLE INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM

2021-2022

Teachers of the Year (TOY) Equitable Innovation Grant Program supports and spotlights the incredible efforts that teachers take on behalf of their students every day. Last year, educators overcame an unprecedented disruption to teaching and learning and deep social-emotional trauma, to ensure their students were successful. This year school will present a new slate of challenges, as well as vital opportunities for growth and innovation. The Equitable Innovation Grant Program will support educator-led solutions that meet the most urgent needs facing our school communities.

Grants will be awarded to educators that demonstrate the dedication, innovation, and creativity that are the hallmarks of the LA County Teachers of the Year Program. The grant opportunity is open to all educators in LA County’s public schools including counselors, club leaders, and more. Teachers from all grade levels and all subject areas are encouraged to apply.

GRANT GUIDELINES

Equitable Innovation Grants will support projects, programs, and services that integrate student-centered learning techniques and tools to create dynamic learning environments for students and/or promote educator wellness. Grants will also prioritize equity, catalyzing projects designed for students and educators that have suffered the most severe consequences of the pandemic.

Successful projects can address:

- Student wellness, including support for mental health, social-emotional wellness, and physical health for students.
- Educator wellness, including support for mental health, social-emotional health, and physical wellbeing for school staff.
- Learning loss and recovery, which may include integrating digital learning tools and encouraging learning in specific disciplines, such as the arts and STEM.
- Student socialization and community building to help them adapt to in-person instruction, time with peers, and the day-to-day of school.
- Arts integration to support different learning styles, culturally responsive pedagogy and student engagement.

Other categories of projects that are student- and/or educator-centered and leverage innovative strategies will also be considered. Projects will be used to promote best practices, innovations and replicable strategies for other educators in LA County and beyond.

FUNDING

Teachers can apply individually or with partners. Individual applicants can apply for up to $1,000. Teams of up to three are eligible to apply for a maximum of $3,000 ($1,000 each). Grants will be awarded between January and February of 2022 for implementation in the Spring Semester of the 2021/22 school year. Grant funds can be used for activities for one year following receipt.

TIMELINE

1. Application Deadline: Applications are due January 14th
2. Proposal Review: Proposals will be reviewed over two weeks with award determinations made by January 28th
3. Award Notification: Grant awards will be announced by February 7th.
4. Grant Dispersal & Project Implementation: Awards will be issued by February 25th for implementation to begin in March of 2022.

QUESTIONS?

For additional information, FAQs and a more comprehensive overview of the opportunity please visit our website at www.greaterlaedfund.org/toygrants.

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