
CCPTA Grant Fund

Applications Due October 19, 2020

What is the CCPTA Grant Fund?

The goal of this fund is to support *equity in academic experiences and opportunities* across schools by enabling those PTAs with sufficient funds to help those schools lacking external financial resources. The fund provides targeted financial grants to Arlington public schools to accomplish specific, limited goals that have not been funded by APS, County or private sources.

Why is a fund like this needed?

Significant economic and racial segregation continues to exist in our community and continues to create disparities across our County and our schools. For example, in the 17-18 school year, PTA spending totaled \$2,036,298 at 26 schools. However, just under \$543,000 of that spending occurred at the 12 schools located south of Route 50. *PTAs can have a significant impact either by exacerbating or by addressing funding inequities among our schools.* This fund allows those PTAs who are able to meet and exceed their fundraising goals each year to support other APS schools that do not. This is the only countywide mechanism that currently exists to ensure that PTAs can provide more equitable and meaningful experiences to all students in our area.

How can PTAs contribute to the CCPTA Grant Fund?

Each year, we receive more applications than we can fund. In 2019-20, application requests totaled \$41,936. *Unfortunately, we only received \$12,912 in donations, which is less than 1% of all monies raised by PTA's in Arlington.* As a result, we could only fund a little over one-third of the requests. PTAs can donate by contacting the CCPTA Grant Fund treasurer (ccptatreasurerarlington@gmail.com). Private donations may be made by completing and submitting the donation form on our website (ccpta.apsva.us/grantfund/)

What type of projects are funded?

The fund has supported literacy initiatives, field trips, outdoor space initiatives, sensory tools, and flexible seating. The grant will not fund permanent facilities expenses. Requests related to technology purchases will be reviewed very carefully and in consultation with APS. All applications must be approved by the principal at the applying school. The CCPTA Grant Fund Committee will review each application on its merits, consider the available funds, and forward its recommendations to the CCPTA's Executive Committee for approval. Grants will generally be in the range of \$500-\$2,500.

Who can apply to receive a grant from the CCPTA Grant Fund?

PTAs or APS staff members representing schools with unmet needs are encouraged to submit an application. The application is available at ccpta.apsva.us/grantfund/. Once completed, the application can be emailed to ccptacpci@gmail.com. *The fall application is due on October 19, 2020, and awards will be announced on November 15.* We will have another application period in the spring.

More information is available on our website: (ccpta.apsva.us/grantfund/)

For additional questions, please contact Kate Merrill and Karrie Beaudry at ccptacpci@gmail.com.