



KIDS COUNT GRANT APPLICATIONS School Year 2024-25 and Summer 2025

Frequently Asked Questions

What types of funding are available?

BEF supports projects and programs in the Beaverton School District through three types of awards programs:

- **Kids Count Grants** support extended day and extended school year programs.
- From time to time, BEF issues **Requests for Innovation** to support specific types of projects or programs. For the 2024-25 school year, a RFI for High School Student-Run Businesses is being released in August. We anticipate additional RFIs may be released later in the year.
- **Beaverton's Choice Classroom** awards offer matching funds that are available year-round. There is no deadline to apply and awards can be for up to \$2,500. Please see (regular link for now) for more information.

When are the deadlines for this school year?

- Extended School Day/After School for Fall 2024 Grants Letters of Inquiry – **DUE AUGUST 23**
- RFI: Student-Run Businesses Letters of Inquiry - **DUE AUGUST 23**
- Safe and Sound for School Success Middle School Programs - **DUE OCTOBER 15**
- Extended School Year Summer 2025 Grants – **Deadline TBD, Spring 2025**

How do I submit a request?

Submit Letters of Inquiry using the [letter of inquiry \(LOI\) online form](#).

After reviewing LOIs, BEF will Invite applicants to submit a full application at a later date, using the [online full application form](#). Generally, applicants will be given two weeks from receiving an invitation to a full application to the deadline.

Is someone from BEF available to discuss my proposal with me?

Yes, we are happy to discuss your proposal idea and answer your questions by phone or email. We recommend that you contact us prior to writing your proposal. Our phone number is 503-927-9752, or e-mail Kristine Baggett at kristineb@beavertoneducationfoundation.org.

Are only teachers eligible to apply for BEF Kids Count Grants?

No, any Beaverton School District staff member may apply.

What are the criteria for summer programs?

Summer programs must serve the same students for a minimum of four weeks, and a minimum of 45 hours instruction time.

Can I use BEF funds for staff and volunteer training?

Projects and programs must be student-engaged. While BEF recognizes that staff training is valuable, BEF grants will fund only programs that involve students.

Can I use BEF Kids Count Grant funds to pay for staff compensation?

Yes. Budget MAY include compensation to pay teachers and staff consistent with district policy and contracts. BEF will compensate for student contact time only. BEF will not compensate for planning time (can be listed as an in-kind contribution). Please contact the School District Human Resources Department, Payroll Department and/or Grant Accountant to assist you with determining classified and certified salary designations.

Can I use BEF funds to purchase technology equipment, books, etc. for the classroom?

BEF recognizes that books, equipment and/or technology can enhance student learning. However, due to limited funds, BEF grants will only fund materials that are essential to the goals and objectives of the program proposed in the application.

Is it ok if I use funds from additional sources for my program?

Yes, additional funding sources strengthen an application.

What criteria will be used to determine if my proposal receives funding?

Programs should be in support of, or in addition to, existing curriculum. BEF uses the following criteria to score all applications:

Section	Points Available
Rationale/Need	15
Learning Objectives/Activities	25
Measurements	15
Anticipated Results	15

Alignment	15
Budget/Financial Plan	10
Innovation	5

Who will be reading my application?

The majority of BEF grant readers are from the area businesses and community leaders who are involved with BEF such as serving as board members or as leadership volunteers.

May I submit my application before the deadline date?

Yes, it is recommended that you submit your application prior to the deadline date. Please fill out a [Letter of Inquiry form](#).

May a school submit more than one application?

Yes, multiple applications from one school are accepted. However, please be aware that only one per school is likely to receive funding.

If I receive funding, what do I need to do when my project has been completed?

It is vital that you submit a [Completion Report](#) within 45 days of completing the program. It is important that BEF has this information to ensure proper donor stewardship and future funding. If you do not submit a Program Completion form in a timely manner, it will likely affect the outcome of your future grant proposals.

Please note: BEF Kids Count Grant recipients are required to be available for at least one event to share their project and results with others at the request of BEF. BEF must receive reports within 45 days of the completion of the program.