



BEAVERTON'S CHOICE GRANT APPLICATIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Beaverton's Choice award?

Beaverton's Choice is the BEF crowdfunding resource that connects classroom projects with donors who want to support Beaverton students. All Beaverton School District staff are eligible to apply for a Beaverton's Choice award to fund their school or classroom projects.

What is the process for Beaverton's Choice award approval?

- Applications are reviewed for alignment with BEF's mission, vision and values
 - *Does the application seek to provide hands-on, innovative, student-engaged academic programs and projects?*
- A project that aligns with BEF's mission, vision and values can be eligible for a matching donation
 - *Title 1 schools, middle and high schools serving high numbers of students experiencing poverty are eligible for increased match levels*
- Match amounts are determined by several factors
- If a project is determined to be ineligible for a BEF match, BEF may still post the project on the Beaverton's Choice platform without a matching donation

Is there a deadline to apply for funds?

Beaverton's Choice is available throughout the school year to help crowdfund your innovative classroom project. Funds are awarded between September - May.

Is there a limit to the number of projects that can be funded through Beaverton's Choice per school? I think our school has already done a project this year.

No, there is no limit per school or even per staff member. BEF evaluates each project on its own merits and for alignment with our mission, vision and values. Projects representing team and department collaborations are encouraged. Projects that represent partnership with another school are highly encouraged.

Why should I use Beaverton's Choice instead of other national platforms, like Donors Choose?

- 1) Beaverton's Choice carries no additional fees or service charges. All money raised goes directly to your project.
- 2) Thanks to our donors and community partners, Beaverton's Choice can usually offer matching funds from the beginning, allowing your project to be funded quickly.
- 3) BEF staff are available to work with you to get your project up and running and funded.

What if I'm not on social media?

That's ok! The most effective messages are through email, weekly updates, or newsletters to your school community. Your school and PTO can promote the project on social media and build awareness about your leadership on behalf of your students.

Our school has a healthy PTO/Parent Group budget. Why should I pursue funding from BEF?

BEF's mission is to support innovation and collaboration, providing a platform to share ideas and programs. By combining BEF funds with PTO contributions, we can fund even more projects across Beaverton schools and build on great ideas that are happening at every school.

I'm super busy. I have a project that I would like to pursue, but I just don't have time to go through the process to apply. Help!

We know your focus is on your students. We've streamlined the application and completion report process so you can spend less time on forms and more time implementing your great idea.

What makes a Beaverton's Choice project successful and quick to fund?

Successful projects incorporate:

- + New, innovative student-focused teaching approaches
- + Hands-on student engagement projects or events
- + Build on one of BEF's priority impact areas:
 - o Arts + Music
 - o PE + Play
 - o Reading + Writing
 - o STEAM
 - o Career + Technical Learning
 - o Special Education