Detroit Public Schools Foundation
Mini Grant Application Procedures

The Detroit Public Schools Foundation (Foundation) is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to creating and enhancing educational opportunities for Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) students.

To be considered for a grant from the Foundation, an applicant must comply with the following grant application procedures, which will involve two steps.

STEP ONE - DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be one of the following:

- DPSCD school
- DPSCD departments and offices
- DPSCD staff
- 501(c)(3) organizations that currently provide programs supporting DPSCD students and schools

STEP TWO – COMPLETE APPLICATION

The applicant must complete and submit a proposal to the Foundation on or before the cycle deadline using the appropriate Grant Proposal Application. If the Foundation awards a grant to the applicant, the applicant shall be required to enter into a grant agreement with the Foundation setting out the terms and conditions of the grant, including reporting requirements.

The Grant Proposal Application and related documents should be submitted to the Foundation by email as an attachment to grants@dpsfdn.org. In the subject line of the email please write DPSF Grant Application– Cycle 1, 2 or 3 (please use corresponding cycle). The Foundation will not consider a Grant Proposal Application that is not submitted by email.

APPLICANTS SHOULD NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE FOUNDATION.

a. The Foundation gives priority to grant applications for programs in the following areas:

- Early Childhood Education and Literacy
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)
- Fine and Performing Arts
- Career Pathways (career exploration and workforce readiness)
- Out-of-Classroom Experiences (field trips, professional development, community, and parental engagement)
b. Priority is given to grant applications for programs that are “intensive,” i.e. that involve multiple concentrated and focused learning opportunities and that have a lasting impact on students, rather than “exposure” programs that might serve a large number of students but have little or no lasting impact.

c. The Foundation seeks opportunities to use its grant funds to leverage support from other sources. Therefore, the Foundation gives priority to applications that intend to use the Foundation’s grant funds as matching or leveraged support.

d. The Foundation will not consider an application for a grant under $500.

e. The Foundation has three funding cycles as follows:

   - Cycle One is for programs that require funding to begin between July 1, 2020 and November 30, 2020. Grant Application must be received by the Foundation by no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2020.

   - Cycle Two is for programs that require funding to begin between December 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021. Grant Application must be received by the Foundation by no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 15, 2020.

   - Cycle Three is for programs that require funding to begin between April 1, 2021 and June 21, 2021. Grant Application must be received by the Foundation by no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 15, 2021.