



Phoenix Union Foundation for Education (“Foundation”) MINI-GRANT APPLICATION AND PROCESS

Mini-Grants will be awarded to eligible programs after spring break to be implemented for the following school year.

What is the Phoenix Union Foundation for Education?

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity that supports the Phoenix Union High School District’s mission of preparing students for college, career and life. Find out more about us a www.foundation4education.org.

Grant Overview

Mini-Grants are designed to support teachers, student committees, administrators, and all District employees in their efforts to develop, improve or expand opportunities for high school students to learn and excel in education. Grants can be from **\$300 up to \$1,500 each**, awarded to support innovative programs that strive to increase interest and academic achievement in all curriculums. **Please note: Individual schools or programs can receive between \$300 and \$1,000. The maximum amount of \$1,500 will be given to district-wide and multi-campus opportunities. If your total ask is above the maximum, it will not be considered.**

Who Can Apply

Applicants may be teachers, administrators, student committees, or any District employee.

Eligible Programs

All Mini-grant requests will be considered for funding. Examples include:

- Programs that target interest in science, technology, engineering, math, the arts, etc.
- Professional development opportunities for teacher instruction.
- Develop, improve, or expand resources and/or curriculum available in learning environments.
- Ensure that students have the core competencies needed to pursue a career or degree in the field of their choice.
- After-school settings learning opportunities.
- Support student application of classroom knowledge to real-life applications.
- Opportunities for students to get to know positive real-life individuals in various careers.
- Link secondary education with post-secondary career and technical education programs.
- Vocational training / workforce readiness.
- College preparatory for higher education.
- Opportunities for students to gain critical life skills to be successful in college, career, and life.



Use of Grant Funds

Funds may be used for any of the following program-related expenses: classroom equipment, supplies or materials; field trip expenses (transportation, entrance fees, etc.); student participation in school/classroom competitions (as part of a district-wide, state-wide, regional, or national program); materials and student rewards or incentives (non-financial, non-monetary) for improvement in academic performance. Resources for food and/or gift cards cannot be funded with mini-grant awards.

To see previous grant recipients, visit our website at www.foundation4education.org.

Application Content – A Brief Overview

A mini-grant request should include all the following components:

- An explanation of the primary educational need and description of how the program will increase student participation and achievement.
- Evidence-based program activities designed to increase the participation and academic achievement of students. Activities and instruction should engage students in inquiry-based, hands-on learning concepts.
- A detailed budget of the expenses to be incurred. Please include the exact total of the expenses including **the vendor, quote, item number and/or** where the purchases would be made.
- Collaboration is encouraged. If you can collaborate with another teacher, another division/department, school, or school district; a two- or four-year college; a statewide, regional or national education program; a business or industry; or a community-based or nonprofit organization that serves high school students, this is ideal.

HOW TO APPLY

Please fill out the Application For Mini-Grant Form through the following link. Should the application be approved, the PXU Request To Purchase Form will be sent to you for completion.

Mini-Grant Application: [PUFE Mini Grant Application 2022-2023](#)

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS AND CONDITIONS

- ***To support the implementation of your project, please notify the Campus Principal/Admin or District/Division leaders regarding the Application and subsequent awards.***
- ***Awards Payable.*** Approved awards will be purchased by the Phoenix Union Foundation for Education unless otherwise noted by Phoenix Union High School District.
- ***Program Summary and Evaluation.*** Grant Recipients must provide a program summary **within 30 days** of the program completion. This form will be sent you following the program completion.
- ***Request must be consistent with the Phoenix Union High School District Governing Board Policies and Procedures.***



AWARD TIME FRAME

- **Application process begins January 15 and closes February 28.**
- **Awards will be announced after Spring Break.**



APPLICATION FOR MINI-GRANT

A grant request should include all of the following components:

Applicant Name: _____ **Position:** _____

School/Site: _____ **Department/Division:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Amount Requested*: _____ **Date of Program:** _____

**Please explain how you came up with this dollar amount. Please keep in mind the maximum of \$1,500 will only be awarded for district-wide or multi-campus projects.*

Program Description:

- How many students will participate / be impacted? _____
- Explain the primary educational need and description of how the program will increase student participation and achievement. Include if/how you are collaborating with others.
- Please provide details on how the funds will be used along with a budget.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING (REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION)

I understand that the awarding of all grant amounts shall be at the sole discretion of the Phoenix Union Foundation for Education Grant Committee. I further represent that the Mini-Grant request is for a program that is compliant and consistent with the District Governing Board rules, regulations, and guidelines and that I have only submitted one Mini-Grant application for this program. The Foundation has the right to disseminate information and materials developed because of the program. Grant funds must be used for developing and implementing the program proposed in this application within one (1) year of date of issue, unless a request to use the funds otherwise is submitted to and approved by the Foundation.

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

School or District Leader Notified – Printed Name _____ **Date** _____

Signature



MINI-GRANT REPORT

This report should be sent to the Foundation's office within 30 days of completion of the program via email to info@foundation4education.org. Please include photos of the completed program/project

Applicant Name: _____ **Position:** _____
School/Site: _____ **Department/Division:** _____
Phone: _____ **Email:** _____
Amount Used: _____ **Date of Program:** _____
Any Funds leftover? _____

Completed Program Summary:

- How many actual participants _____
- How many expected participants _____
- Did the program meet the expected outcomes (goals/objectives)? ___YES ___NO
- Do you plan to submit an application for funding next year to continue the program? ___YES ___NO
- What would you do differently next year (any significant program revisions)?

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____