



ANNUAL GRANTS

Grants are awarded for projects that positively impact student learning and support the REF Mission. Applications open **January 15th and close March 31st**. Awarded grants will be awarded in mid May for implementation the following school year. Please review the Annual Grants guidelines before starting an application to ensure that your innovative idea has the best possible opportunity for approval.

ALL GRANTS MUST BE

- Initiated by a District 3a staff member and approved by the school Principal
- Aligned to your school's Improvement Plan and/or to a curricular area, standard, or classroom need

GUIDELINES

- Grants are awarded in the following categories:
 - Diversity and Inclusion
 - Fine Arts and Physical Education Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
 - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
 - Misc
- Preference will be given to original, innovative proposals or proposals that are of the highest value to the school.
- Materials provided by the grant become the property of the school where the grant originated and not the property of any individual or group. Unused project funds will be returned to REF.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

REF will not consider funding other nonprofit organizations. Grants are not awarded for salaries, stipends or previously denied items.

PROCESS AND TIMELINE

- It is expected that the item/materials requested be ordered and a receipt given to REF within **30-days** of receiving the award notification.
- If receipt/invoice of purchase is not received within 30-days, the grant may be voided and require re-approval from the board.
- Grant applications will be reviewed by the current REF board, District 3a faculty, staff and administration.
- Responses must be clear and specific and describe what the requested funds will purchase and what implementation will look like. Acronyms should be avoided or defined.
- At the conclusion of your project, you will be required to submit photos of the project/items in an email to rochester3afoundation@gmail.com These will be used to highlight the work REF does for the district.