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THE FIRST ANNUAL TEACHER INNOVATION GRANT PROCESS INTRODUCTION

New for 2027: The Innovation Grant Application Story and Process Planning

The application window will be open between August 15, 2027 and October 15, 2027 for collaborating Agua Fria Union High School District teachers to apply for a new single project $5,000 dollar instructional innovation grant. This grant named after Dr. Dennis Runyan, who served as the Agua Fria Superintendent from 2009 to 2021, will be awarded to a group of two or more teachers who are seeking innovative instructional applications which enhance student learning experiences. The application documents will be available on the Agua Fria Foundation website starting August 1, 2027. Please watch for additional information concerning this annual opportunity. While the application process will be similar to the already existing classroom Agua Fria Foundation grants, it will be awarded separately by the Agua Fria Foundation in mid November 2027 as a single collaborative teacher grant process.

Innovative Grant Award Criteria

Because this is the first year for the Innovation Grant process the input of teachers and foundation members continues to be welcomed as we move forward. Listed below are the primary expectations for this application process to help guide interested teachers in the Agua Fria District who might wish to apply.

- The collaboration and application must include at least two teachers
- Cross curricular applications are weighted positively but not required
- Cross campus and cross district campuses applications are weighted positively but not required
- Grant funding should not be replacing or supplanting "normal budget" identified needs
- Engaged teacher or student collaboration must be visible to the grant reviewers
- Innovation and creative efforts must be visible to the reviewers
- Applications must include a short rationale or description of the need or identified academic or social value of the learning experience
- The non-selected applications may be eligible for a traditional Foundation Classroom Grant by submitting the application through the traditional application process after the final Innovation award is given in November.
- The innovative grant can be applied to classroom, campus, district level, or real world instructional learning experiences.
- There is no limit to the number of teachers or students who would benefit from this educational opportunity.
- The grant funds must be applied and expended between the date of the final award in November 2027 and the end of the 2027 - 28 school year.

If you have additional questions concerning this application please refer them to your campus teacher currently serving on the Foundation, or contact the Agua Fria Foundation directly. Paper applications will be available August 1, 2027. We encourage you to apply and Dr. Runyan is planning to assist the Foundation to promote this opportunity moving into the future. Thank you for all you do everyday to educate your students successfully.

AGUA FRIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT # 216

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