



2023-2024 P-H-M Education Foundation Grants Report

*1 Grant Cycle offered
in 2023-2024 Academic Year*

To: P-H-M School Board Members

From: 2023-2024 P-H-M Education Grants Committee - Jen Smoker (Chair), Joan Renbarger, Jen Craig, Dr. Lavon Dean-Null, Patty Buhr, Kris Moore and Jennifer Turnblom

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2023-2024 Grant Summary:

- **Total 2023-2024 Grant Budget - \$50,000**
- Total EZ Grants Requested - \$3,519.22
- Total EZ Grants Approved - \$3,318.46
- Total Traditional Grants Requested - \$42,181.95
- Total Traditional Grants Approved - \$39,501.17
- **Total Grants Awarded: \$42,819.63**

The PHMEF 2023-2024 Grants Committee requests the approval to fund the following EZ form grant requests for \$250 or less:

1. Multi-Sensory Flashcards

- Walt Disney Elementary
- Eyewords flash cards for high-frequency words
- **Awarded \$184.95**

2. Luring Biodiversity

- Penn High School
- Fishing equipment and supplies
- **Awarded \$216.34**

3. Milkweed for Monarchs

- Madison Elementary
- Plants for caterpillars
- **Awarded \$150.00**

4. Book Hoarders Book Club

- Grissom Middle School
- 30 copies of Louis Sachar's books: *Holes* and *Small Steps (sequel to Holes)*
- **Awarded \$250.00**

5. **Break-out Boxes with Digital Subscription**

- Grissom Middle School
- Complete puzzle box for program preview
- ***Awarded \$214.00***

6. **See with Heart, Show with Art**

- P-H-M District Schools
- Art therapy for blind/low-vision students
- ***Awarded \$250.00***

7. **Let's Get Published**

- Elsie Rogers Elementary
- 5th grade students receive printed/published writing
- ***Awarded \$249.95***

8. **Morpheme Magic**

- Walt Disney Elementary
- Reading comprehension program/teaching tools
- ***Awarded 274.25***

9. **Fluency and Vocab Building**

- Meadow's Edge Elementary
- Two poetry books by Dr. Tim Rasinski
- ***Awarded \$84.97***

10. **Computer Science White Boards**

- Penn High School
- Mobile whiteboards for students
- ***Awarded \$200.00***

11. **Music Room iPad**

- Madison Elementary
- Use with Music Classes
- ***Awarded \$250.00***

12. **Sharing Music with Students**

- Penn High School Orchestra
- New music selections for use in the high school and in demonstrating to 4th/5th grade elementary students
- ***Awarded \$249.00***

13. **Crisis Prevention Shirts**

- Penn High School Counselors
- T-Shirts for Safe School Helpline and Suicide Prevention
- ***Awarded \$250.00***

14. **Discovery Art**

- Meadow's Edge Elementary
- Visual artworks for classroom
- ***Awarded \$245.00***

15. Kindness is Contagious

- Penn High School Random Acts of Kindness Club
- Small gifts, candy & cards to be distributed to students
- **Awarded \$250.00**

The PHMEF 2023-2024 Grants Committee requests the approval to fund the following Traditional form grant requests:

Full Funding

1. Secret Stories

- Walt Disney Elementary - Trisha Ledy
- All 1st grade students
- **Awarded \$1028.97**
- An educational toolkit for teaching phonics consisting of a book, posters, flashcards and musical CD that provide opportunities for multiple modes of learning including visual icons, auditory and kinesthetic motor skill movement. This method shares stories while helping students tap into the sounds the letter/letter teams make to facilitate reading skills.

2. Cracking the Code on Letters and Sounds

- Bittersweet Elementary - Jenni McCarthy and Stephanie Black
- All 1st and 2nd grade students as well as speech intervention students
- **Awarded \$959.20**
- An educational toolkit for teaching phonics consisting of a book, posters and musical CD that provide opportunities for multiple modes of learning including visual icons, auditory and kinesthetic motor skill movement. This method shares stories while helping students tap into the sounds the letter/letter teams make to facilitate reading skills.

3. Secret Stories for Elm Eagles

- Elm Road Elementary - Derrick Fairbotham
- All Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students
- **Awarded \$2005.55**
- An educational toolkit for teaching phonics consisting of a book, posters, flashcards and musical CD that provide opportunities for multiple modes of learning including visual icons, auditory and kinesthetic motor skill movement. This method shares stories while helping students tap into the sounds the letter/letter teams make to facilitate reading skills.

4. Cleaning the Eagles Nest Washer & Dryer

- Elm Road Elementary - Madelyn Beers
- All K-5th grade students
- **Awarded \$1,058.77**
- Collaborating with the P-H-M facilities department to install a clothing washer and dryer in support of students who lack the resources to clean clothing and meet students' basic needs.

5. Piano Lab

- Grissom Middle School - Alaina Williams
- All 6th-8th grade students
- **Awarded \$10,000**
- Replacement of pianos as part of the general chorus course. Requested 20 Casio Casiotone Keyboards. The Foundation requests contacting Quinlan & Fabish regarding other possible

products to replace existing keyboards. Requesting a higher quality keyboard product that will last longer. It may be necessary to purchase a lower quantity to get a better product that is serviceable by school partners. Foundation willing to support a purchase up to \$10,000.

6. Penn High School Hygiene Closet

- Penn High School - Akash Singh (student), Caelea Armstrong, Dr. Sean Galiher
- All 9th-12th grade students
- **Awarded \$1,000**
- Funds to purchase basic self-care and hygiene products (soap, hair products, deodorant, etc.) as well as storage containers and distribution bags for students in need. Additional printing of awareness campaign materials (posters and informational materials.)

7. Kingsmen Karting through STEM

- Penn High School - Kyle Marsh and Scott Shelhart
- Students in Engineering Design & Development and Industrial Maintenance classes
- **Awarded \$3,000**
- Students collaborate with each other to design, manufacture, fabricate, test and evaluate two go-karts. Encourage collaboration and further develop students' understanding of physics, math and technology.

8. Let's Win Gold

- Penn High School - Jessica Marsh
- All high school students
- **Awarded \$1,000**
- Purchase the necessary materials to start a jewelry program at the high school. Students will be encouraged to submit to Scholastic Arts and Writing competitions while learning a real applicable life skill (related to/uses welding, manufacturing, robotics and other disciplines.)

9. WDES Greenhouse Project

- Walt Disney Elementary School - Charlis Cunningham, Franca Peluso Mulhern and Tom Stanton
- All K-5th grade students
- **Awarded \$2,997.96**
- Create an outdoor resource area at Walt Disney to provide students with learning opportunities through nature. In collaboration with the St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District Environmental Education Coordinator. Greenhouse will also serve as a Conservation Project and house sustainable plants. Project supported in partnership with McKinley Garden Center.

10. Powering the Future!

- Penn High School - Toni Boger-May
- All Integrated Chemistry and Physics students
- **Awarded \$1,000**
- Students are required to design, build and refine a device that converts one form of energy into another form of energy. Students will construct a simple AC generator using Neodymium batteries and magnets as well as build dye-sensitized solar cells to harvest sunlight into electricity.

11. TD Snap App for SLP Devices

- All P-H-M District - Kaitlyn Stanley
- Speech Students
- **Awarded \$949.81**

- Purchase of TD Snap app for iPads. The program is a voice output communication aid that allows nonverbal students with autism and/or other disabilities (i.e. speech impairments) to increase communication skills.

12. Recycling Bins for NHS

- Penn High School - Karen Tagliaferri, David Son (student), Lana Ealdama
- 15 classrooms, grades 9-12
- **Awarded \$610**
- Purchase of 15 plastic recycling bins for classrooms. NHS plans to increase student awareness of recycling materials in the school. Foundation encourages NHS to look to expand school-wide recycling program in the future and partner with other clubs/local agencies as necessary.

13. Band Room Sound System Project

- Schmucker Middle School - Kristen Hills
- All 6th-8th grade band students
- **Awarded \$2,673.89**
- Modernize technology within the school band room to purchase two QSC speakers including an amplifier and necessary accessories. Will allow students to have an improved learning environment with clearer sound and allows classes to connect with media platforms that enhance student performances.

14. Penn Grown

- Penn High School (and possibly other schools) - John Gensic and Amanda Bates
- All 9-12 grade students
- **Awarded \$2,170.70**
- Purchase MyGardyn 3.0 to cultivate edible plants within Penn to support students facing food insecurity. Also provides hands-on learning experiences for Agriculture Students, Plant Club, Key Club, Environmental Awareness Club and Biology students who will participate in the growing and harvesting of plants.

15. Grissom Grounds Coffee Shop

- Grissom Middle School - Jennifer Sinclair
- Students with disabilities
- **Awarded \$2,590.21**
- Provides materials to launch a student-led coffee shop. Peer leader non-disabled students will work alongside students in the EATC employability skills group. Cultivates friendships between Ex Ed and Gen Ed students and helps build life and leadership skills to continue to foster an inclusive culture at Grissom.

16. Empowering Learners: The Beebots & Coding Adventure

- Elsie Rogers Elementary - Jodi Cramer-Berry and Jessie Kinney
- All K-5th grade students
- **Awarded \$809.95**
- Purchase six Beebots, a charging station and coding mats to bring innovation and hands-on learning into the classrooms. Introduces foundations of computer programming allowing teachers to transform traditional lessons into engaging, interactive experiences fostering critical thinking, problem-solving and teamwork amongst students.

17. Visual Aid Projector

- Penn High School - Delicia Huckleberry
- Students in American Sign Language Classes

- **Awarded \$1,577**
- Purchase a second projector in the ASL room that allows student presenters to reference the screen on the other side of the room when presenting. Unlike other presentations, students are not able to reference their presentation slides when doing ASL so the projector will support confidence in student presentations.

18. Cardio Fun for Kids

- Madison Elementary - Stephanie Newcomer
- All K-5th grade students
- **Awarded \$929.26**
- Purchase of cardio drumming supplies. Gives students a cardio drumming experience to enhance the development of auditory skill, gross and fine motor skills and a sense of rhythm while maintaining a steady beat, body awareness, coordination and following directions.

Partial Funding

1. Building PBIS Sparty Store

- Schmucker Middle School - Sarah Smith
- All 6th-8th grade students
- **Requested \$3,000.00**
- **Awarded \$1,500.00**
- Items for students to select when earning incentive points through the new Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. Schmucker is using a new online tool that measures metrics and surveyed students to compile a list of motivational items. Funds will be combined with other outside community grants and PTO support.

2. Educational Map Replacements

- Grissom Middle School - Emily Shreve
- All 8th grade students
- **Requested \$5,760.69**
- **Awarded \$1,639.90**
- Replacement of pull-down roller maps that outline the 13 Original States, US Growth to 1853, Status of Slavery in the Territories and Secession of the South. Maps are writable using a dry-erase marker.