



Overview of RVC Ed Foundation Grants

The Rockville Centre Education Foundation's mission is to enhance the quality of public education by securing and providing financial resources for school enrichment. The Foundation **fosters innovation in our classrooms**—focusing on those projects that reach beyond the normal scope of the curriculum.

What does the RVC Ed Foundation do?

The Foundation funds **special projects** that district teachers and school administrators propose to expand the horizons of their students' classroom experience in our local public schools. This is made possible by money raised through the Foundation's annual fundraising activities. All grant applications undergo a careful review process by the Foundation.

What kinds of grants does the RVC Ed Foundation provide?

The Foundation awards grants of all kinds to the RVC School District. Some are specific to a school; some are district-wide. Some grants are designed for one grade level; some grants benefit multiple grades within a building. Some grants at the middle and high school level benefit all students taking a specific subject; some bring together two subjects or more to develop a multi-disciplinary project. The Foundation is seeking meaningful, lasting impact with each award.

Is there a dollar limit for grant requests?

No! We welcome all ideas, no matter the size. To date, the Foundation has awarded grants in various amounts, with past grants typically ranging from \$300 to \$18,000 each. We also encourage applications of larger sizes, as we may seek other funding opportunities or work with the district to make big projects come to fruition. For all grants, the amount awarded is based on the scope of your project, intended impact, and the budget you provide.

What does the RVC Ed Foundation look for in an application?

We encourage applications that include the following:

- Something new and innovative that is exciting for students and educators



- Long term impact
- Collaboration among teachers and schools
- Multi-disciplinary approaches
- Potential to grow in scope and/or have continued impact in future years

What won't the RVC Ed Foundation typically fund?

The RVC Ed Foundation will not fund items that should be included in the School District budget, such as books or classroom furniture. Please contact your principal to inquire about purchases that fall within the realm of typical school business. RVCEF cannot fund transportation costs due to liability insurance. If you are unsure whether your project would fall within the purview of the District or would be a good candidate for an RVCEF grant, contact Ms. Kathleen Mark at kmark@rvcschools.org.

What will I need to apply?

The grant application is a simple online form. You will need:

- Definition of project and scope
- Names of collaborators
- Basic timeline
- Anticipated impact
- Evaluation methods
- Why this project excites you
- Budget (spreadsheet encouraged)
- Approval from all building and district administrators impacted by the project

What are some examples of successful grant applications?

Some projects that were a result of Ed Foundation grants include:

- Commerce Plaza: An immersive experience in a simulated business community to develop financial literacy for all fifth graders in the district.
- The Little Free Art Gallery at SSMS: Students, staff, and community members enjoy small beautiful works that are showcased including artist trading cards, bookmarks, jewelry, canvas artworks and sculptures created by students. See Instagram [@artwithelbroody](https://www.instagram.com/artwithelbroody) to see what is being shared in the gallery.
- Group Vocal Improvisation at SSHS: An expert in the art and education of vocal improvisation taught both teachers and students.



- Robotics at SSMS: Mechanical Engineering and Digital Programming Robotic kits aid in solving design and engineering problems.
- The Foodini: All students in exploratory and Food Science classes learn cutting-edge technology that brings an artistic spin to nutritious, made from-scratch food preparation.
- Watson's Makerspace: A resource for all students to think creatively through self-directed learning with a broad range of toys and building tools. After success in one school, it served as a model for the other elementary schools to create similar enriching learning experiences.
- Hewitt's Horticulture/Beautification Project: Combined ecology and landscaping subjects to create a garden project on the school property.
- Enrichment Clusters: A districtwide initiative to give elementary students an opportunity to experience activities and explore passions in specific long-term units with materials and challenges outside the traditional curriculum.
- SSHS Theater Production Headsets: A wireless intercom system that strengthens students' ability to effectively communicate during productions and teaches them the essential skills of 21st century theater technology.
- Artists in Residence: Various artists, including those in music and the arts, authors, and others share their expertise and work with students to create their own works.

Can I see a list of more projects RVC Ed Foundation funded?

Yes! To see a list of projects that have been funded, please see <https://www.rvcedfoundation.org/list-of-all-grants>

How can I apply?

Visit <https://www.rvcedfoundation.org> for the online application and details.

Is there someone I can contact if I have additional questions?

For any questions you may have about this process or for information about how you can get involved with the RVC Ed Foundation, please connect with the RVC Ed Foundation district liaison Ms. Kathleen Mark at kmark@rvcschools.org