



**Venture Grant Program**  
**sponsored by the Pennsville Educational Foundation**

Since its inception, the Pennsville Educational Foundation (“Foundation”) has provided funding to support various programs that enhance the educational growth of the school district’s students. The Foundation has funded a variety of small projects as well supporting major projects.

For the 2015-2016 school year, the Foundation will again award a limited number of venture grants up to \$1,000 to enable unique teaching strategies to become a reality. Awarded funds will be available for use only during the project period referenced in the award letter, not to exceed one calendar year. The Foundation will **not** be a sustaining source of the project. The continuation of the venture grants depends on the funds raised by the Foundation.

## **SELECTION**

All applications will be reviewed by the Board Members of the Foundation. Based on the availability of funds, the projects will be chosen on a competitive basis. The Foundation Board of Directors will give final approval to all funded projects.

Each application will be reviewed on the following criteria:

1. Is the project both innovative and curriculum-related?
2. Is the proposed project clearly stated? Are the goals realistic and worthwhile?
3. Are the procedures to be followed clearly described? Are the methods, needed materials, resource personnel, tentative schedule and completion date specified?
4. Is the budget request reasonable and sufficiently detailed? All proposals must include an itemized budget.
5. Could this project be funded through the regular Pennsville School District budget?
6. Does the project have the potential to involve the community in some way?
7. Can this project become part of the regular curriculum? Does it have the potential to affect large numbers of pupils?
8. Does the project have a long-range impact for the educational community?
9. Does the project assist or support the Foundation's fund-raising efforts?

In addition to the above criteria, the application should address the following:

1. An overview of the project, including the estimated number of students directly impacted.
2. Description of the current need and evidence that the project to be funded will address that need.
3. List of the subject areas involved in the project and how the project will enhance the students' learning experience in those areas.
4. Names, qualifications and roles of those responsible for administering the project activities.

Application forms may be found on the Ed. Foundation website at [www.psdnet.org](http://www.psdnet.org).

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Interested teachers should complete and then submit his or her application by April 30, 2015. Application forms may be found on the Foundation website at [www.psdnet.org](http://www.psdnet.org). The completed application should be submitted via email or hardcopy to a Foundation Board Member. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered for funding. Applications from elementary teachers must have the signature of the building principal. Secondary school applications must be signed by the department head and the principal. Grant recipients will be notified by a Member of the Board of the Foundation.

Goods and services purchased with funds from the Foundation become the property of the Foundation to ensure the benefit of the Pennsville students. In the event a teacher moves from one Pennsville school to another, the award materials will go with the teacher. Venture grant recipients have one year to complete the project. Grant recipients are expected to serve as active ambassadors of the Foundation to their peers, their students and their community. **Grant recipients are also responsible for submitting a brief summary report upon completion of the project. Summary reports should be submitted to the Foundation at least four weeks after the project is completed.**

In unusual circumstances, the Foundation may, at its discretion, extend the project period of an active grant in response to a written request signed by the school Principal.

THANK YOU FOR SUBMITTING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE PENNSVILLE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION!

**Our Mission:** *The Pennsville Educational Foundation is a non-profit, community-based organization whose mission is to provide financial support for programs outside the school budget that will empower ideas and enhance the educational experience of the district's students.*