

2026 - 2027 Teacher Grants

Frequently Asked Questions

- When is the application window?
 - October 5 - October 28, 2026. Recipients of grants will be notified in December.
- Is there anything that RSF is generally unable to fund through Teacher Grants?
 - These grants are primarily for the purchase of supplies and materials that will be used to enhance the overall student experience. Requests for furniture, transportation costs, staffing costs, and vendor contracts may be subject to additional review to ensure alignment with district policy.
- Can I submit more than one grant proposal?
 - Yes, you can submit multiple project requests.
- Is there a limit to how many projects can be funded from one school?
 - Our goal is to ensure students in every building and program benefit from these grants. Our review team assesses the types of proposals, total amount requested, and number of total applications. In many cases, there may be multiple schools with approved proposals.
- Are only classroom teachers eligible to apply?
 - No, any Renton School District staff can apply for a grant as long as it supports student engagement and learning. We welcome innovative proposals from any district staff member.
- Can I use RSF funds to purchase technology equipment or software for the classroom?
 - All technology equipment included in your proposal should be preapproved by the Technology Services department to ensure the item will be supported. Any software or licenses should also be district approved prior to submission. [Learn more about the approval process](#) and to [view a list of approved Digital Resources](#).
- Is it ok if I use funds from additional sources for my project (like PTA/PTO or building funds)?
 - Yes, you can also use other funding sources to support your project. If you are planning to combine funds, just include a note in your response to the Budget Description question.
- If I do receive funding from RSF, what follow up information do I need to provide to RSF after the project is complete?

- Renton Schools Foundation will provide more details to grantees after awards are selected. In general, the follow up includes a short write up or verbal communication of the outcome of your proposal. To support community partnerships and sustainability of these teacher grants, educators are invited to share photos of their proposal in action, thank community donors directly, and host classroom visits with RSF, district staff, and/or community partners.
- How does purchasing work?
 - **New for 2026-2027:** After grant recipients are notified, they will be expected to complete a [budget template](#) and select a purchasing deadline. These items will be purchased by the RSD Community Relations office and items will be shipped to you at your school location. In some instances, items may end up being shipped to the district office and then will be available for pick up or through district mail delivery.
- What if the items in my proposal are not available for online purchase (e.g. groceries, specific items from local businesses, etc)?
 - The RSD Community Relations office will work directly with the educator(s) to secure the items needed for the proposal.
- If I leave the district, who owns the materials that are purchased from grant money?
 - Items purchased as a result of a Renton Schools Foundation Teacher Grant are the property of the Renton School District and will remain in the school/department for which they were purchased.