

2023 Innovative Grants Program Application

About the Opportunity

IPSF is looking for your next BIG IDEA to expand or create new opportunities to propel students forward in their educational journeys! As we continue to adapt with the ever-changing environment, we look forward to partnering with you to help advance learning opportunities for students in IUSD.

We invite you to collaborate and apply as a school or district department through a video application process. Applications can include single or multiple project requests. Grants will start at \$5,000 with the option to request multi-year funding to help ensure project sustainability. We encourage you and your colleagues to imagine the possibilities and dream big!

Application Overview

Please carefully read the following information for the 2023 application. These items must be submitted no later than **Friday, January 13, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.** to be considered for funding.

1. VIDEO

Please prepare a 3-8 minute video of your project(s). This is your opportunity to demonstrate how your idea is innovative and how it will impact your students. If your school or district department is requesting funding for multiple projects, please feature them all in a single video. Please be sure to address each of the following questions:

1. What is your project?
2. What problem or need does your project address?
3. Who and how many individuals will your project impact?
4. How will your project benefit them?
5. How is your project innovative?



We encourage you to be creative with your videos and ensure your passion for the project and its intended impact is clearly conveyed. Creating your video does not require special recording equipment nor does it need to have a high production value. Videos do NOT need to be anonymous.

IMPORTANT: Videos may be used for promotional purposes by IPSF. Please ensure that everyone, including students, are allowed to be in your video.. By submitting a video, you acknowledge the video becomes property of IPSF and may be used on our website and social media platforms.

Here are some questions to consider as you prepare your application:

- What are the unique needs or circumstances of your community that make this project especially relevant?
- Has this project been implemented on a smaller scale? What were the outcomes and what will be the impact of scaling up (i.e., reach more students or reach existing students more effectively)?
- How could this project reach more students, either now or in the future? Can it be replicated with other grade levels, other schools, or districts?
- Who was involved in the planning? Did you/can you collaborate with additional teachers, parents, students, or even community partners to broaden the impact of your plans?
- What are the desired outcomes and how will they be measured?
- What does success look like for this project?
- What other resources will contribute to the success of this project (i.e., people, site money, PTA funds, etc.)?

2. BUDGET

Please provide a detailed budget using the template provided. If you are submitting a request for multiple projects, please provide a budget for each project. Be sure to factor in all costs related to purchasing any items*, labor, shipping & handling, taxes, etc.

**If requesting technology equipment, please obtain approval and quotes from Scott Bennett, IUSD Information Technology Department, at ScottBennett@iusd.org. Please reach out no later than one week prior to the application deadline to ensure you receive your request in time.*

3. COVER PAGE

Please complete the attached cover page. Cover pages must include a signature from a principal or supervisor to demonstrate that your project has been approved.

HOW TO SUBMIT APPLICATION

Please save your video as an MP4. You may submit your video, budget, and cover page through Dropbox at <https://www.dropbox.com/request/nFPEIYYC7FJm8eOCvJqi>. Please label each file in the following format: **date submitted_name of school or district department**. *Submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 2023.*

AWARD PROCESS

Grant recipients will be notified in early February 2023 and funding will be available shortly thereafter. In an effort to understand and communicate the impact of the Innovative Grants Program, IPSF requires grant recipients to provide updates and/or a site visit of their projects during the 2022-2023 school year. More details will be provided at the time of award.

For questions, please contact Connie Cheung at ccheung@ipsf.net.



2023 Innovative Grants Program Cover Page

Please complete the following form and submit with your video and budget through the Dropbox link provided. If you have more than one project, please submit additional cover pages as necessary.

PRIMARY CONTACT

School or District Department

First & Last Name

Email

We have previously received grant funding from IPSF: Yes No

If you selected yes, please indicate the project and amount you were most recently awarded:

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title

We are requesting: One-time funding Multi-year funding*

Total Amount Requested (*For multi-year funding, please indicate the amount requested for each year)

Applicant Name(s)

By checking this box, we acknowledge that we are responsible for obtaining consent for anyone featured in our video. Once submitted, I acknowledge the video becomes property of IPSF and may be used on their website and social media platforms.

My signature below demonstrates that I have reviewed and approved the above project.

Principal or Supervisor Name

Principal or Supervisor Signature
(Required)

Date



2023 Innovative Grants Program Grant Review

Funding Opportunity

Irvine Public Schools Foundation (IPSF) is proud to commit to innovation by awarding IUSD educators a total of \$200,000 for this year's Innovative Grants Program. We invite schools or district departments to collaborate to submit a joint video application. Applications can include single or multiple project requests. Grants will start at \$5,000 with the option to request multi-year funding.

Funding priorities include Arts, Mental Health & Wellness, Music, Promoting Positive School Culture, Science & Engineering, Service Learning, and Technology.

Review Process

Applications will undergo an internal review process by IPSF and considered based on the following criteria. Grant recipients will be announced in early February 2023.

Criteria

Proposals will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

1. The proposed project is clear and thorough
2. The proposed project clearly demonstrates how the project will meet a problem or need and be of benefit to student growth and learning
3. The proposed project is innovative. It provides a creative approach to instruction and/or offers a unique opportunity to students
4. The proposed project demonstrates clear goals and objectives
5. The proposed project includes a clear plan on how it will be implemented and integrated into student learning (i.e., curriculum plan, examples of lessons and activities, etc.)
6. The proposed project includes a long-term plan on how it will be maintained after implementation and its sustainability
7. The proposed project has strong support from the school and/or local community