



2024 Innovative Grants Program Overview

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 2024 application. Please complete the 3 steps of the application:

1. Video
2. Budget
3. Cover Page

Please submit the application no later than **Friday, January 19, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.**

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., reaching more students or reaching 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.)

Here are some ideas of previous grant winners:

- **South Lake Middle School, 2016 Grant Recipient** - The "Heart and Sole" curriculum, developed by Girls on the Run, is a program that uses running to provide mentorship to middle school girls, building their confidence and helping them to understand the importance of their physical and emotional health.
- **Northwood High School, 2018 Grant Recipient** - A year-long cross-curricular forensics program that integrates science, psychology, and literature. This program provides students the opportunity to study human behavior, test theories, and understand the legal system. At the end of each semester, students present a capstone project to their community.
- **IUSD Vision Department, 2022 Grant Recipient** - A comprehensive library of authentic tactile models and graphics for students with visual impairments. Through the use of a 3D printer and brailon duplicator, students now have access to detailed tactile models that adequately represent real objects presented in their curriculum, making the learning process more encompassing, engaging, and collaborative.
- **Brywood Elementary School, 2023 Grant Recipient** - School partnership with Get Inspired, Inc. to study marine life. Students will learn sustainable farming, wildlife conservation, and restoration
- **Woodbridge High School, 2023 Grant Recipient** - The Makerspace Guitar Project leverages students' love of music and performance to help them engage with the most abstract and complex concepts in the high school science curriculum. It began as a design lab to expose students to technical skills such as 3D printing, CNC milling, and laser cutting, and now it has quickly evolved into the building of guitars, animatronics, and the opportunity for students to earn college course credit.

Looking for more ideas? Check out last year's [2023 grant recipients](#) for inspiration.

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Application Steps

1. VIDEO

Please prepare a 3-8 minute video of your project(s). 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, we strongly encourage you to feature them all in a single video.** Be creative! Creating your videos does not require special recording equipment or high production value. 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?

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.

2. BUDGET

Please provide a detailed budget using the template provided. If you are submitting a request for multiple projects, please provide a separate 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 ASAP to ensure you receive approval before submitting your application.*

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/huPh2eiKVS1fBtpQFzov>

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 19, 2024.

AWARD PROCESS

Grant recipients will be notified in early February 2024 and funding will be available by the end of February. To share the impact of the Innovative Grants Program, IPSF requires grant recipients to provide updates and/or a site visit of their projects. More details will be provided at the time of award.

For questions, please contact Bre Washington at bWASHINGTON@ipsf.net.



2024 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

Project Summary

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.

Applicant(s) Signature(s)

Principal/Supervisor Name

Principal/Supervisor Signature

