

FAQ

Q: Will IASB and Qwest accept more than one proposal from the same school or building?

A: Yes. However, if you are going to write a proposal, we encourage you to at least ask others in your building (and your district if it's easy to do that) if they are going to write a proposal. Then you can at least explore the possibility of writing a joint proposal.

Q: How much will the grant(s) be?

Nearly \$50,000 is available to be distributed. The most we've ever awarded for one proposal is \$14,000 and the least is \$2,000. However, that said, we are not determining the winning proposals by how much they request but rather the quality of the proposal.

Q: How much should we ask for?

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Q: Is there a maximum amount each building/district can request?

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Q: Is it possible to apply for this grant as a building (as opposed to applying as individual teachers?)

Yes. It's not only possible, but we would encourage a building-wide proposal.

Q: How many grants will be awarded?

We don't establish a number, but we do distribute approximately \$50,000. In the past, we have awarded between four and six grants per year.

Q: Does it matter whether the application is single or double-spaced?

Yes, please 1.5 or double space so it is easy to read.

Q: Are tables and graphs allowed?

Yes.

Q: Will at least one grant reader have some knowledge of best practice for lower elementary schools/middle schools/high schools?

Yes, they will. But all of the readers will read all of the grants and several are not educators. So please use as little “educationese” as possible. Thank you.

Q: Are there examples of past applications that we can see?

No, we would prefer you develop the proposal based on what your goals are and what you want to do rather than the past successful proposals. However, we will post the scoring rubrics for reference.

Q: Will they dismiss our application if we ask for too much money?

No. If we want to fund grants that ask for more money than we have to distribute and yours is among those, we may call you and ask if you would be willing to take less money than you applied for.

Q: What kind of letter should the “documented support” from the administration be?

This should be a letter that demonstrates the administration knows that you’re applying and that the proposal supports school district goals.

Q: Are there any specific formatting requirements for the cover page?

No. All we ask is that it include the name of the school, the lead teacher, the school district and the title of your project (if there is one).