



## **Bemidji High School Education Fund Innovation Grants Application Tips**



The Bemidji High School Education Fund (BHSEF) Innovation Grants Program supports innovation in the classroom. Grants are available to staff members of Bemidji High School and Lumberjack High School for education initiatives for students in grades 9-12.

Here are a few tips to assist you in submitting a grant application.

A good grant application should:

- support projects that encourage and facilitate innovative teaching practices
- enrich learning in the classroom
- promote the collaboration and exchange of ideas
- further high school initiatives and curriculum goals

Additionally, good grant applications should:

- be specific and well written
- have a specific budget and explanation of how and when funds will be spent
- be tied to a learning goal, or meet a specific unmet need of students
- ideally, support projects that are collaborative, and that have the potential to be duplicated by other classrooms

Some reasons grants might not be approved:

- the goal of the project is unclear
- the cost per student is exceptionally high and/or the number of students affected is very low
- requests the purchase of technology or software that cannot be supported by the school
- not clearly tied to learning goals
- requests funds that could easily be funded by other sources, such as district capital, curriculum or technology budgets
- the project is not innovative or does not have a sound plan to evaluate success

Please note, any requests for technology or software must be able to be supported by the school. We strongly recommend that ideas for such proposals be reviewed by your site's designated technology coordinator first and the media specialist second to ensure feasibility and school support.