

August 21, 2024

Dear Boone County School District Teachers and Administrators,

The Boone County Education Foundation is proud to announce the opening of the 2024-2025 school year Grant Application period. We are excited to be able to support the innovative ideas that you have to provide 21<sup>st</sup> century skills to the students of Boone County. For a list of past grant winners, please visit our website. Applications will be judged per the Grant Judging Rubric which is also attached to this communication. The grant application can be found on the BCEF website: <u>http://boonecountyeducationfoundation.org</u>. Please keep the following criteria in mind as you consider applying for funds:

- 1. Applications must focus on Innovative projects you are looking to do with your students and must support the <u>District's current Strategic Plan</u>.
- 2. Budgets should be based <u>only on the district's approved vendor pricing</u>. Your school Financial Secretary can verify whether your chosen vendors are on the approved vendor list. If not, your Financial Secretary can work with the District's Purchasing Agent to request the paperwork for adding a new vendor. All grant awards money must be spent and paid within the school year.
- 3. All purchases must be made with an approved purchase order.
- 4. BCEF will not reimburse for items purchased/trips taken before a decision has been made.
- 5. Must be able to attend January Board of Education (January 16, 2025) meeting to be recognized and awarded.
- 6. Provide pictures and writeup to BCEF about your project no later than 30 days after the implementation of your project.
- 7. Must present your project during a staff meeting at your school to raise awareness for our foundation.
- 8. BCEF does its best to distribute grants across as many schools and school levels as possible. For this reason, it is highly unlikely that we would award multiple grants to one person.
- 9. Applications are due by October 18, 2024 (awards will be announced in mid-November):
  - Only electronic application submittals will be accepted.
  - Submit to Laura Geis at laura.geis@boone.kyschools.us

Should you have any questions, please reach out to Laura Geis at 859-283-1003 Ext.23196 or the E-mail above.

Thank you and good luck!