

## FY 2024 Small Grants for Support Professionals, Educators, Administrators, & Schools

We believe support professionals, educators, administrators, and schools are key partners in advancing our shared mission: to ensure all students succeed in school. To strengthen this collaboration, we provide these partners with small grants to close the opportunity gap, enhance educational opportunities for students and staff, and tap the talent and diversity in the MCPS community.

### [Apply Today!](#)

Deadline is April 15, 2024

Early applications encouraged – applications reviewed and funds disbursed on rolling basis

### Funding

Up to \$2,000: Individual Projects – Individual departments, schools, & staff

Up to \$5,000: Collaborative Projects – Multiple departments &/or schools

### Key Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant is MCPS employee
- Project & funds benefit MCPS community
- Project or related work not in regular MCPS budget
- Ability to use funds by **June 30, 2024**
- Project has single project lead
- Alignment with priorities in [MCPS Strategic Plan](#), [Blueprint for Maryland's Future](#), +/or [MCPS Antiracist System Audit](#)
- Funds will not be used for indirect costs; grant administration; lobbying; religious purposes; childcare\*; staff stipends/salaries; consultant fees\*; transportation costs\*; recording/computer equipment\*

### Key Application Components

MCPSEF seeks to ensure application submission is easy, and encourages you to submit brief responses and/or information from grant proposals you have used previously for an MCPSEF or other funding opportunity.

- Overview
- Timeline
- Team
- Impact measurements
- Budget
- Signed [MCPS Authorization of Grant Application – Form 280-60](#)

\* MCPSEF makes rare exceptions for these types of funds. If these are integral to your project, contact MCPSEF to discuss the project prior to submitting the application.

## Sample Projects

- Developing curriculum & supports that prioritize equitable access, including differentiated learning experiences, joy of learning opportunities, & experiential learning opportunities
- Strengthening MCPS community, caregiver, family, and guardian connections
- Developing strength, sustainability, scale, scope, evaluation, planning, &/or collaborative opportunities for new and existing projects
- Providing materials to advance student learning
- Facilitating collaborative staff professional development, including mentoring, shared learning, & trainings
- Supporting cross-trainings and collaborative efforts, such as transportation, paraprofessionals, or other support professional involvement in planning, educational initiatives, & community-facing events

### Apply for all opportunities through one application!

Opportunity	Area
MCPS Educational Foundation: Small Grants for Individual Projects – Individual departments, schools, & staff	Open
MCPS Educational Foundation: Small Grant for Collaborative Projects – Multiple departments &/or schools	Open
Linda Adams Fine Arts Education Grant	Fine arts, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual arts, theater, dance, music</li> <li>• Preference for projects that are innovative, collaborative or community based, support students in need</li> </ul>
Charles Anthony Eichler Music Education Grant	Music education, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resource purchases (equipment, instruments, sheet music)</li> <li>• Projects incorporating music (must be experiential with active learning experiences)</li> </ul>
Wayne E. Whigham Music Education Grant	Music education, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resource purchases (equipment, instruments, sheet music)</li> <li>• Projects incorporating music (must be experiential with active learning experiences, &amp; culminate in MCPS student musical performance)</li> </ul>

## Questions? Contact Us!

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