



- The 2019-2020 Natick Education Foundation (NEF) Grant Proposals are ready for submission and due before March 1, 2020
- NEF will fund up to \$10,000 total in grants (We would prefer proposals for \$2000 or less. However, exceptional proposals requesting larger grants will be considered.)
- All teachers and staff of Natick Public Schools are eligible and encouraged to apply
- NEF Grant-funded projects must be academic in nature or otherwise in support of student growth and learning
- Proposals should have a clear and focused goal; and should include expected outcomes (i.e. we expect to train X number of teachers through a "train a teacher" program, etc.)

Additional information

NEF

The Natick Education Foundation's purpose is to support our teachers, staff, and students with resources that are not funded through ordinary budgetary channels as well as to encourage programs that enhance and enrich the curriculum.

NEF Funding

NEF funding is generated through individual and corporate donations to Natick Education Foundation, Teacher Tributes, and other NEF fund-raising events.

Grant Awards FAQ

How long do I have to spend the grant award?

The Grant winner has two years to use the funds awarded. We expect grants in this cycle to be awarded June 1, 2020, therefore funding must be utilized before June 1, 2022.

Does NEF fund consultants?

In general, NEF does not fund consultants or visiting artists/performers unless the direct and on-going benefit to Natick students is great in relation to his or her compensation. However, NEF does support teachers receiving professional development that will be spread to other teachers at their grade level or subject area. Our goal is to have successful projects disseminated widely across the districts, touching as many schools, teachers, and students as possible.

Will NEF expect an update from me regarding my grant?

Yes, grant recipients will be asked to share the results of their project with NEF through occasional surveys, conversations and possible presentations.

Does NEF fund health related proposals?

For health-related projects, please visit the MetroWest Community Healthcare Foundation first.

How can I contact NEF to ask questions about my proposal?

Please email NEFgrants@gmail.com with any questions



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Proposal Scoring Rubric

NEF Grant Application Scoring Rubric

Review the rubric below to guide proposal writing. Each category will be scored a 0, 1, or 2. Grants will be scored out of a total of 10 possible points. Applications scoring 6 or more points will be considered for funding.

A successful proposal meets or exceeds all the following standards:

Category 1: Feasibility and validity

- The proposal is approved by the building(s) principal. (Note: This is a requirement.)
- The proposal aligns with and enhances the curriculum.

Category 2: Clarity of project goals and evaluation

- The proposed project's goal, objectives, and methods are clearly stated and feasible.
- The plan to evaluate the success and impact of the project is logical, plausible, and well explained.

Category 3: Quality of proposal

- The proposal expresses competence and enthusiasm on the part of the applicants.
- The application is clear, detailed and complete.

Category 4: Value of project

- The proposed budget is clearly justified and realistic for the project's objectives.
- The number of students directly impacted is commensurate with the project's budget.

Category 5: Bonus!

- The proposal enriches and enhances the curriculum while demonstrating creativity, innovation, and originality.
- The proposal includes a plan for establishing a secondary pool of beneficiaries (e.g., a plan to educate other teachers about learning made possible by purchase; to bring the benefits to other schools, teachers, or the broader community; and to lend or share material, as appropriate).
- The proposal includes a plan for the re-use of materials or equipment purchased within the grant.



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Background Information

Instructions: We strongly suggest that you type your responses into a separate document first (MS Word, Google doc, etc.) and then paste them into this application. Fill in all fields completely. Please double check for accuracy before submitting.

* 1. Project name

* 2. Primary contact name

* 3. Primary contact email address

* 4. Primary contact phone number

5. Names of additional project members and co-authors

* 6. Which school will act as the primary site for this project?

7. Which other schools, if any, will participate in this project?

* 8. Which grade levels will directly benefit from this project?

- Pre-K
- K
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12

Other (please specify)

* 9. How many students will this project benefit in its first year?

* 10. Has this proposal been approved by the appropriate principal(s)?

- Yes
- Not yet
- No (*Proposals must be approved before submission.*)

Please explain any delays in approval.



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Project Description

* 11. Summary: Write a summary of your project that is no more than 5 sentences long.

* 12. Goals: Clearly state the project's goals and objectives. Explain alignment with curriculum goals, if appropriate.

* 13. Method: Explain your plan and timeline.

* 14. Benefits: Describe how this project will enhance or enrich the students' learning experience.

* 15. Assessment: Describe how you will assess the project's success.

* 16. Dissemination: Describe how the benefits from this project will be spread to other teachers, grade levels, and schools.



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Funding Request

* 17. How much money are you requesting from NEF? (Note: We have a total of \$10,000 to give this year. We would prefer proposals for \$2000 or less. However, exceptional proposals requesting larger grants will be considered.)

* 18. How will you spend the money? Itemize the proposed project's expenses and describe additional resources that might be required, if any. If you have a more detailed budget in a separate file, such as a spreadsheet, please summarize here and send supporting files as attachments to NEFgrants@gmail.com.



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Wrap Up

19. If there is anything else you would like to add to this proposal, please do so below.

*If you have additional files that you would like to send us in support of your project, please email them to nefgrants@gmail.com.