

# ROBERT P. BELL EDUCATION GRANTS

a program of *The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, Inc.*



**Robert P. Bell Education Grants are awarded to teachers and counselors with innovative ideas, programs, or classroom projects that are designed to stimulate student learning.**

**GRANTS ARE AWARDED FROM \$50-\$600**

## WHAT QUALIFIES?

Creative and innovative projects can be focused in any subject area. While preference is given to projects implemented during the regular school day, extracurricular projects will be considered if they are curriculum-based. Requests must be clearly linked to a specific classroom unit or lesson.

Bell Grants are not eligible for religious-based projects, transportation fees, field trip fees, and speaker fees. Grants will not be awarded for projects that are already started or completed. Typically, Bell Grants are not awarded to purchase book sets, videos, kits, and classroom equipment unless those items are integral to a classroom lesson.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

Kindergarten through 12th grade teachers and counselors working in Delaware County schools including special education teachers, itinerant teachers, and counselors are eligible to apply. Teachers must be working in accredited in public schools, nationally recognized accredited private schools, or charter schools in good standing to be eligible for grants. Small groups of teachers may submit one application for joint projects, but group applications are subject to the \$600 limit.

## HOW TO APPLY?

Apply online at [cfmdin.org/bellgrants](http://cfmdin.org/bellgrants). Grant applications are due by 11:59 pm on the day of the deadlines:

**SEPTEMBER 1    NOVEMBER 1    FEBRUARY 1    APRIL 1**

There is no limit on the number of applications a teacher can submit in each grant cycle or in a year. A separate application should be submitted for each project. Applicants should account for approximately 30 or more days between deadline and start of project to account for administration.

Requests are reviewed anonymously by a committee of teachers representing each school district in Delaware County. Therefore, applications should not include any identifying information in the Project Description section.

A detailed project budget is required for each application. A budget template is provided with the online application.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Applicants are notified of decisions no later than 21 days after the deadline. If awarded, grant money is sent directly to the applicant's school system within 30 days of the deadline. Teachers will need to follow their school system's procedures for purchases or reimbursements. A post grant report is required once the project is completed.



**APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.CFMDIN.ORG/BELLGRANTS](http://WWW.CFMDIN.ORG/BELLGRANTS)**

Contact the Program Officer at The Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County, Inc. with questions.  
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