

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.

The program was established in 1992 as a memorial to former Foundation board member, Robert P. Bell, whose lifetime interest in teaching was demonstrated by his career as an educator and former president of Ball State University.

GRANTS ARE AWARDED FROM \$50-\$450

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.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applications are available to K-12 teachers working in Delaware County schools including special education teachers, itinerant teachers, and counselors. Teachers must be working in accredited public schools, nationally 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 \$450 limit.

HOW TO APPLY?

Apply online at cfmdin.org/bellgrants. Grant applications are due by 4:30 pm on the day of the deadlines:

SEPTEMBER 1

NOVEMBER 1

FEBRUARY 1

APRIL 1

Applications are available 30 days prior to each deadline. There is no limit on the number of applications a teacher can may submit in each grant cycle or in a year. A separate application should be submitted for each project. Applicants should account for approximately 60 or more days between deadline and start of project to account for administration

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.



WHAT IS NOT FUNDED?

- Religious-based projects
- Transportation
- Field trips
- Speaker fees
- Books, videos, kits, and equipment not integral to a lesson
- Projects already started

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