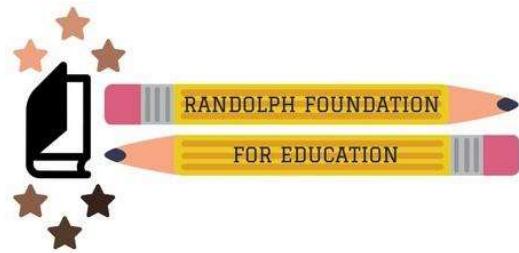


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RFE COMPETITIVE GRANTS APPLICATION

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Applicant's position: Elementary music, JFK and North
(Repeat this info for all co-applicants)

Grant Title: Making Music Flexible

What is the total budget for your proposal? \$1090

Grade(s) affected by the grant: K-5

School(s) affected by the grant: JFK Elementary

Total number of students to be directly affected by this grant: 498 (the K-5 population of the JFK elementary school)

Please provide a brief (one paragraph) summary of your proposal. You will have an opportunity to provide further details below:

Rolling carts for Orff instruments will allow students to easily move large instruments around the room to facilitate small group work and support flexible groupings and collaborative learning in music class. Rolling carts also expedite setup and break down of Orff lay-outs in passing periods between classes (typically 4 minutes), allowing greater flexibility in curriculum planning and year-long unit design when older students are using Orff instruments and younger students directly before or after them need open space to move.

Describe your project in detail. What are you planning to do? How will you do it? Who will benefit from the project? Why is this project important to the education of your students? What do you hope to accomplish? How will you know if this project is a success?

I am planning to mount six of the large Orff instruments in the JFK music room on rolling carts. Students benefit from the chance to work in small groups for composition and performance practice, but this requires moving instruments during class to accommodate flexible groupings. Currently students are unable to do so, as the instruments are too heavy for them to move. When students are able to move instruments themselves they gain ownership of the process as well as expediting setup time, which allows for the best use of time on learning (40 minute music classes), rather than waiting for the teacher to move each instrument.

Additionally, all the Orff instruments (xylophones and metallophones) must be transferred between the floor for playing and the shelves for storage. This can be challenging to do during passing periods when back-to-back classes have different setup needs: Orff instruments for one class and clear open space for movement for the next, or vice versa. As a result, compromises are

made so that either younger students cannot use the full space for movement or are not able to partake in movement activities, or so that older students must participate in modified composition and performance lessons or must do so without the benefit of these instruments.

With the addition of rolling carts to the classroom, instrument setup and breakdown will be quick and easy both during and between classes, allowing student ownership of projects, supporting flexible groupings and collaborative learning. Expedited movement of instruments will also mean that transitions between classes with different space requirements will be possible, making the most of time on learning by eliminating the need for compromises in setup between classes with varying needs.

What is the proposed start date?

Start date is September, 2025. Once delivered, setup and installation is quick and easy, accomplished in a single afternoon by the music teacher. As soon as installation is complete, students can begin utilizing the instruments on the rolling carts.

Specifically list all materials and equipment requested along with the itemized cost, and the source of quote:

Vendor Name	Item Description	Price	Quantity	Total Price
West Music	Basic Beat Adjustable Rolling Orff Stand BBV567	\$156*	6	\$936
			Subtotal	\$936
			Shipping (9%)	\$84.24
			Total	\$1020.24

*Note: Currently this item is on sale for \$190, with an offer of \$156 each for 5 or more. It is possible that the price may rise over the summer. The full price is \$250. There is no information available as to when/if the item will go back to full price. This grant reflects the cost as of 6/12/2025.

Vendor Name	Item Description	Price	Quantity	Total Price
Amazon	Basic Beat Adjustable Rolling Orff Stand BBV567	\$170**	6	\$1020
			Subtotal	\$1020
			Shipping (\$15.49 each)	\$70.49
			Total	\$1090.49

**The same item is also available from Amazon, currently priced at \$170, sold by West Music as a vendor. It is possible that the price may rise over the summer at one location but not the other, so I

am including it in case this occurs.

I verify that a copy of this application has been submitted to the applicable school principal who has approved its content and proposed expenditures.

School Principal