

Randolph Foundation for Education

RFE's Competitive Grant Program

Examples of Grants we have funded



Title	Teacher(s)	School / grade / students	Description / grant amount	Rationale
Teaching Self-Regulation and Coping Skills	Dawn Martens	Lyons Elem. -- 29 TLC students	\$534 for social skills books and iPad, in Therapeutic Learning Classroom	Children's literature to teach character traits, decision-making, problem-solving, coping skills and interpersonal skills.
STEM Materials for Creative Thinking and Team Building	Sarah O'Brien & Faith Daly	Donovan Elementary – 2 nd grade (75-80 students)	\$378.43 for Full Year STEM bundle (miscellaneous classroom construction materials such as cardboard, metal washers, and paper clips).	Provide students with more rich opportunities in monthly STEM projects, to brainstorm, collaborate, build, test, and redesign different types of contraptions, vehicles, and designs to solve problems.
Flexible Seating	Christine Letourneau & Nicole McEachern	Young Elementary – 4 th grade (50 students)	\$959.88 for Wobble Chairs; Stand-to-Learn desks; ECR4Kids The Surf Portable Lap Desk; Ball with Feet	Replace traditional seating charts by allowing the students to sit where they can be most successful: providing choice, physical health benefits, sensory input, and increased opportunities for collaboration.
Sensory Path to Learning	Samantha Peter	Lyons Elementary – K-5 Special Ed.	\$293.07 for Cricut Machine, and Cricut tools and supplies (hardware can be re-used at other schools)	Creating a sensory path in the hallway leading to the Therapeutic Learning Center (path can be used by all students at the school) to give students concrete strategies to "ready their bodies" for learning.
Marching Band Sound Equipment	Adam Shekleton, Music Teacher	Randolph High, grades 8-12, for 65-90 students per year	\$400 for partial purchase of Centrum Sound Systems mobile megaphone system	Enable staff members to have instructions heard in the outdoor fields during marching band rehearsals. Also expedites transition times when groups are rehearsing in multiple locations around H.S. campus.
Mobile Mentor Texts	Cassandra Troiano	Lyons Elem. – grades 3-4 (ten SPED students)	\$211.50 Books (purchased) and expanded mobile storage writing center (located elsewhere)	Create a rich literature environment in a classroom of struggling learners. Books are genuine literature, appropriate for different reading strategies.
Building Community	Jill Shea-Pohl, Sarah Salama, & Leslie Rood	Lyons Elementary – K-5 Special Ed.	\$400 for three picnic tables to create an outdoor classroom for students; foldable for indoor storage. Separate grant for school garden.	Students will use the outdoor classroom to learn about science (life cycle of plants); math (measurements and shapes); ELA (writing and vocabulary); and character traits (citizenship and teamwork).

Some of the grants funded thru 2026 -- intended to provide examples of the types of grants RFE will provide – across schools, or in one classroom.

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