



High Impact Grants – 2021-2022 Letters of Idea

The Education Foundation of Indian River County is once again pleased to offer our high-impact grants program to public and public-charter schools in Indian River County.

School principals and teachers are encouraged to submit a **“Letter of Idea”** outlining what you would like to accomplish through one of these grants. Letters of Idea will be accepted from August 11th through September 3rd, 2021.

Successful proposals must address one of the following four (4) areas, with a focus on increasing student achievement: school culture/climate (*social/emotional supports*), science (K-12), math (K-12), or reading (K-12).

This is a competitive grant process and begins with the submission of a Letter of Idea, as described above. The grant request can either support a new project or expand upon a proven model. Projects must include measurable outcomes and plans for sustainability. Grants of up to \$10,000 will be considered.

Letters of Idea submitted by the deadline will be reviewed during the week of September 6th through 10th, 2021. Selected projects will then present to a panel of Education Foundation board members, local funders, and a representative of the SDIRC during the week of September 13th-17th, 2021. The panel will announce the funded projects the week of September 21st, 2021. Grantfunds will be distributed by October 20th, 2021 and all funds must be spent by June 30th, 2022.

A Letter of Idea must detail the following information on no more than two (2) pages using an 11-point font:

- Project name
- Project information
- How the project aligns with the SDIRC Strategic Plan and/or the School Improvement Plan
- Amount requested
- Total project cost
- Targeted population
- Number of children to be served, including grade-level(s)
- Succinct summary – The issue, the change, and the action:
 - The Issue – What challenge of opportunity will this grant help your school address?
 - The Change – What change do you intend to see as a result of this grant?
 - The Action – What strategic activities will be included in this grant (what are the steps)?
- Grant oversight: Who will be responsible for the project? Who provides the oversight? Who will insure that the project is sustainable?
- Monitoring progress and results: How will progress and results be monitored and reported?
- Volunteers: Does the proposal provide an opportunity for community volunteers to support your school? If so, how many volunteers, how often, and what days/times?
- Itemized budget: Provide a line by line, itemized budget of all items needed for the project, including cost.

You can check out which proposals were funded this past school year at <https://bit.ly/2ZRAXm8>.

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