

2019 PAST GRANT AWARDS

APPLICANT	SCHOOL	TITLE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
INNOVATIVE TEACHING INITIATIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS				
Elizabeth Baker	Belmont High	Curriculum Development for Intro to Robotics Course	to incorporate the new VEX robotics kits into the new Intro to Robotics course	\$800
Danielle Betancourt	Elementary-All	Fostering a Responsive Classroom Community	to provide two sessions of an introductory workshop of 'Responsive Classroom' to 30 educators each at all four elementary schools	\$4,800
Deborah McDevitt	Chenery Middle	Integrating Civics Education into the 8th Grade Curriculum	to provide training for one 8th grade teacher through the Primary Source workshop Strengthening Civics Education Throughout the K-12 Curriculum and time to share the learning and collaborate with the 8th grade team to expand the focus on Civics in 8th grade	\$720
Deborah McDevitt	Chenery Middle	Teaching about Africa in World Geography	to provide training for one 7th grade teacher through the class, "Africa and Africans: The Making of a Continent in the Modern World" and time to share the learning and collaborate with the 7th grade team to expand the focus on teaching about Africa in World Geography	\$480
Lindsey Rinder	System-Wide	STARI Tier 2 Reading Intervention for ELs	to incorporate the STARI Tier 2 Reading Intervention into the BHS EL curriculum	\$1,175
Patricia Soliozy	Belmont High	Using Technology to Enhance the Statistics and Data Analysis with Applications Course	to revise and enhance the High School Honors Level Statistics course to integrate technology, projects, and current real world applications into the curriculum	\$2,000
Jaynene Dellitt-Young	Elementary-All	Writing Homegrown Institute	to provide a Homegrown Institute for writing in grades 1-4 from the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project	\$10,745
Patricia Soliozy	Belmont High School	Math and Social Justice: An Interdisciplinary Course	to begin working on a new course at Belmont High School that will be interdisciplinary (math and social studies) and will examine social justice issues through the lens of mathematics	\$1,200
Deborah McDevitt	Belmont High	Support For Economics Students Using Digital Tools	to provide time for teachers to develop MOOC components for economics courses such as video tutorials, organized study groups, and interactive user forums to improve and to expand student learning of content and skills	\$1,000
Torrance Lewis	Chenery Middle	New England League of Middle Schools Annual Conference	to allow six middle school educators to attend the New England League of Middle Schools Annual Conference to learn innovative methods to connect with students and increase student achievement at Chenery	\$2,190
LEARNING EXCELLENCE GRANTS				
Kristin Comment	Belmont High	BHS Diversity Day: Keynote Speaker - Anthony Valentine	to fund the keynote speaker, Anthony Valentine, for BHS Diversity Day 2020	\$1,200
Gwendolyn Kerr	Belmont High	BHS Diversity Day Speaker: Christina Irene on "Invisible Disabilities"	to fund a presentation by disability awareness speaker Christina Irene to increase awareness at Belmont High School for invisible disabilities, including mental health, autism, learning disabilities, and chronic pain as part of the Diversity Day offerings	\$1,200
Kristin Comment	Belmont High	Girl Power! A Workshop with Dr. Lori Monaco	to fund a motivational workshop for girls at BHS during Diversity Day 2020 with Dr. Lori Monaco	\$600
Elizabeth Baker	Chenery Middle	Discovery Museum Traveling Enrichment for Grade 6	to fund a hands on and minds on in school enrichment presentation by The Discovery Museum for the entire sixth grade class	\$2,940
Alexander Goldsmith	Chenery Middle	Ending "Fake" Reading in the Middle School Classroom	to buy books that will facilitate student ownership of their growth as readers and learners	\$2,000
Elizabeth Scott	Belmont High	Updating Data Acquisition Capability for Belmont High School Biology	to purchase Vernier LabQuest 2s and biology-specific probes to enable students in biology to efficiently collect, analyze and share their data during class to enhance biology students' data acquisition and analysis experiences	\$15,615
Karl Mitchell	Chenery Middle	Building a Thinking Math Classroom with Vertical Non-Permanent Surfaces	to fund Vertical Non-Permanent Surfaces for implementing instructional routines to support math discourse	\$3,000
Kristin Ciappina	Chenery Middle	Physical Education Equipment for Chenery	to purchase general gym equipment to enhance the physical education experience for all 1,500 Chenery students	\$2,712
Tawnya Lewis	Belmont High	Microscopes with Digital Cameras for Increased Student Engagement	to fund five microscopes with cameras and four live video microscope imager USB digital cameras to increase student engagement and the ability for students to conduct authentic investigations in BHS science labs	\$3,001
Meghann Remick	Belmont High	Developing the Digital Art and Animation Program at Belmont High School	to fund a station of five iMac computers and Adobe creative software to help build the Animation and Digital Art program at Belmont High School	\$10,575
Jessica DeFrances	Elementary-All	Energizing Students' Thinking and Collaboration about Energy	to purchase 48 science related "sparkle" teaching tools to enhance the Focus on Energy unit for all 4th graders across the district to help students better understand energy transformation and transfer	\$1,272
Paul Ketchen	Belmont High	AKAI Professional FIRE Controllers for Electronic Music Production	to fund 16 new AKAI Pro FIRE Controllers for the BHS Music Technology Lab that will enhance, deepen and improve the understanding and facility of students engaged in electronic music production using FL Studio 20	\$2,960
Emily Communiello	Chenery Middle	ELMO Document Cameras at Chenery	to purchase ELMO cameras to provide practical capability for Chenery 7th grade teachers to share student examples, demonstrate models, or share a page of text with the entire class so that students will be able to engage with content in real time	\$5,000
Kristen Bell	Wellington	Culturally Responsive Texts and Resources	to purchase diverse literature and inclusive classroom materials for the Wellington School so that culturally responsive teaching strategies can be used to improve school experiences and instructional approaches and to provide a welcoming environment for students of all cultures	\$3,114
SPECIAL INITIATIVE AWARDS				
	System-Wide	Project-Based Learning, Grades 5-12	to offer a 3-day Workshop on Project-Based Learning (PBL) to 35 teachers led by the nationally-recognized Buck Institute for Education, two additional days of on-site support by Buck Institute experts, and staff time for the 35 participants for curriculum development work to create PBL units to implement in their classes	\$23,000
	System-Wide	Social and Emotional Learning as Core Practice in the Belmont Public Schools (for 2018-19)	to sustain and enhance the district SEL Framework through the creation and implementation of an SEL foundational course offered annually to new teachers, continued parent workshops on SEL, and continued administration and analysis of climate surveys from parents, staff, and students	\$10,950
	System-Wide	Active Anti-Racism and Cultural Proficiency to Improve our African-American/Black Achievement Gap	to continue to improve the learning outcomes and school experience for our African-American/Black students through professional development, both required and elective, and consulting with experts in the field of anti-racist and culturally proficient teaching	\$24,000
Isaac Taylor	Belmont High	The Vision of the Graduate - Train the Trainer Workshop	to pay for Abby Benedetto to coach and inspire a BHS leadership team to help develop BHS' "Vision of the Graduate", a NEASC requirement	\$6,000
2019 GRAND TOTAL:				\$144,249