

Teacher Creativity Grants

DEADLINE OCTOBER 1st, 2016

The Westminster Public Schools Foundation (WPSF) is once again using DonorsChoose.org to fund Teacher Creativity grants. DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need. Teachers are able to create their own projects and ask donors to help them raise the funds. WPSF match 50% of the amount of donations received for approved projects. So, if a teacher needs \$500 for a project and successfully raises \$250, the Foundation will donate the last \$250 to the approved project!

At the Foundation, we are trying maximize our funding, create sustainability and expand support for our programs. We hope to support more teachers through this crowd funding platform. Donors are already supporting Colorado teachers as **6,989** projects have already been successfully funded on DonorsChoose.org in Colorado.

To get started on your application please visit the Foundation's website (D50EDFound.org) and download the **Intent to Apply** form found on the home page. Submit the Intent to Apply form to the Foundation at efinfo@westminsterpublicschools.org. The Foundation is **looking for unique and creative ways to improve student achievement**. In order to receive the match projects **MUST** be preapproved by the Foundation!

We will approve your letter of intent within 7 days of receiving it. You can then go list your project on the DonorsChoose site. Deadline for Letter of Intent is October 1st, 2016.

You can create your project on DonorsChoose in less than 30 minutes. It takes about three days before it is posted. Projects can be posted for 4 months but many are funded before that. Seventy percent of projects are fully funded on this site. You will tap into the networks of DonorsChoose.org, the Education Foundation and your own personal networks to get your project funded. The Foundation will help market your project on our social media outlets. Once you raise half of your full financial goal (this includes all fees, taxes etc.), the Foundation will match the funding completing your project!

Remember projects need to be preapproved to qualify for the match. If you don't make half of your funding goal, the Foundation will not match the project. After four months, any donors who have supported your project can redirect their contributions to support your next project. See DonorsChoose.org for more details.