



FIRE Foundation of Wichita 2026 Project Grant Instructions and Application

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Instructions:

Please submit your application electronically to info@firefoundationwichita.org. Applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis by our Board of Directors and awardees notified typically within a 30 day window. Applications will be accepted and reviewed until allocated project grant funds for the year have been depleted.

Project Grant Information:

The FIRE Foundation of Wichita is proud to administer a Project Grant Program for 2026. These are one-time grants that will be awarded to Wichita diocesan schools in amounts up to \$2,000. These Project Grants will allow our partner schools the opportunity to obtain funds on an “as-needed basis” in order to take small steps towards more inclusive classrooms throughout the year.

Items Funded:

Although diocesan schools should consider their own individualized, unique needs, some common items grant funding *could* be used for include:

- Professional development or continuing education programming (FIRE Foundation has a partnership with [University of Notre Dame's Partners In Education](#) program as an option for PD, in addition to other resources. Contact us for details.)
- Professional conference registrations and associated travel expenses (e.g. FIRE Kansas City's biennial Inclusion in Action Conference)
- Tier 2 or 3 curriculum and/or supports
- Adaptive technologies or devices (including subscription services, Artificial Intelligence tools, etc.)
- Sacramental Kits for adaptive learners
- Other inclusion advocacy activities (e.g. marketing or promotion of your school's inclusion program, establishment of inclusive learning libraries for teachers or students, etc.)

Application Criteria:

Please consider the following criteria when applying for a Project Grant opportunity:

- The school must be a Catholic school within the boundaries of the Wichita Diocese.
- The school is accepting student(s) with more moderate to significant disabilities who otherwise would not be able to attend without additional educational support.
- The school can demonstrate the commitment of its Principal and Pastor to inclusive Catholic education

and growing their inclusion program.

- The school commits to sharing information with their educators and school/parish community about FIRE Foundation of Wichita's mission, available professional development, parent learning opportunities, and fundraising opportunities. The school also agrees to provide periodic status updates, feedback, and brief reflections on the progress and impact of their project, and to share photos or stories of grant-funded activities "in action," as appropriate and upon request. Media release forms will be provided to parents or guardians prior to the sharing of any student images or stories.
- The school will complete a Project Grant Assessment Report at the completion of the project to measure success and provide feedback.
- Please Note, grants are NOT awarded for the following uses: Operating expenses, debt incurred or purchases made prior to award notification, participation in capital campaigns, endowment funds, personnel costs, or tuition assistance. Grants are awarded to schools rather than individuals. FIRE project grant funds are a supplemental source and not intended for services already available, or for projects already funded or pending via other grant sources from any other organization.

Thank you for applying. Please contact us with any questions.

General Information:

Contact Information	
School:	School Address:
Pastor/Chaplain Name:	Principal Name:
Primary Point of Contact/Grant Facilitator:	Contact Email:
Contact Phone:	

Funding Information:

Funding Request
Title of Project:
Project Description:

Amount Requested (up to \$2000):

Total Project Cost/Budget:
(if different than amount requested)

Is this need:
please mark [x]

Currently Unfunded

Newly Discovered Need

Anticipated Date of Project Implementation/Completion:

Grant Request Information: (please respond in narrative form)

Description of Need

Description of Impact

Students Benefiting from Project Grant Plan
 (please describe students impacted - if not applicable please note NA)

Grade	Gender	Disability/Learning Need	Current/ New Student	Education Plan (Check all that apply)				
				IEP	504 Plan	ILP	ELL	None

Contingency Plan

(Will this project be able to move forward without funding?)

Statement of willingness to promote & support FIRE Foundation of
 Wichita's mission and efforts in both the school & community



The foregoing information is accurate, and I agree to promptly notify the FIRE Foundation of Wichita Board of any changes with respect to the information contained herein. I will immediately contact the FIRE Board regarding requests for change in the use of any awarded funds.

Principal

Date

Pastor

Date

Grant Facilitator*

Date

(*If different from Principal / responsible for Follow Up Report)