



Learning in Action Grant Program Guidelines

Purpose of the Grant

To provide innovative, creative, and student-centered experiences or curriculum extensions that enhance and enrich learning and/or build understanding and background knowledge to serve as the foundation for increased learning

Funding Parameters

Grant Amount: maximum award per project: \$500 (typical range: \$250–\$500)

**Larger awards may be considered for collaborative projects involving multiple classrooms or interdisciplinary approaches.*

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be a certified staff member (teacher, counselor, or specialist) in Perry Township Schools.
- Funds must directly benefit students in the classroom, school setting, or immediate community.
- Previous Learning in Action grantees are eligible to reapply, provided they submitted receipts, photos, and reflection for their last funded project using the Final Report form.

Grant Requirements

- Applicants will fill out the grant application (linked [here](#)) and submit it no later than 11:59pm on the last date of the submission period.
- Awarded grant projects must be implemented within the current academic year or the summer following.
- Grant recipients will post the award certificate outside or in a prominent place inside their workspace/classroom for the duration of the school year.
- Grant recipients will make the approved purchases and complete the Final report (linked [here](#)) within three months of receiving the grant. Completing this step helps us evaluate how to best serve the students and educators of Perry Township and report to our donors and supporters. Failure to complete this report disqualifies the grant recipient from consideration for future grants.



Project Requirements and Funding Priorities

Reviewers should **prioritize** projects that are:

Criteria	Description
Innovative	Introduce new teaching strategies, tools, or concepts not commonly used in the applicant's current classroom.
Student-Centered	Engage students actively and foster creativity, curiosity, and/or critical thinking.
Sustainable	Can be reused or adapted beyond the grant period, though not required.
Scalable or Shareable	Can be shared with colleagues or adapted for broader use in the district.
Experience-Focused OR Extension of Curriculum	Provide experiences or extensions that enhance or enrich learning and/or build understanding or background knowledge to serve as a foundation for increased learning

Allowable Expenses

- Instructional materials not covered by the school's regular budget
- Books, manipulatives, or classroom resources specific to the proposed project
- Technology tools if directly tied to a learning innovation (e.g., a digital storytelling app license)
- Materials for project-based learning or STEAM activities
- Guest speakers or workshop leaders (if approved and aligned with district policy)

Non-Allowable Expenses

- Food or refreshments (see PTEF food policy)
- Gift cards, incentives, or prizes
- Standard classroom supplies (unless directly tied to the innovation)
- Teacher stipends or salaries
- Capital improvements or furniture
- Technology not essential to the project innovation (e.g., headphones, basic tablets)