

Caroline Education Foundation

INNOVATION GRANTS



PURPOSE

Innovation grants are provided by the Caroline Education Foundation (CEF). A total of **\$7,500** in funding is available for the 2025-2026 School Year. These grants encourage and reward innovative classroom instructional approaches supportive of college and career readiness, technology integration, critical thinking/problem solving, STEM/STEAM, project based learning, cross-curricular literacy, student leadership/collaboration, 3-E Readiness.

PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR GRANTS

Any classroom teacher (elementary, middle or high), including encore teachers, instructional coaches, school counselors, or school administrators currently employed by Caroline County Public Schools is eligible to apply for an Innovation Grant.

AWARDING OF FUNDS

The Caroline Education Foundation will award Innovation Grants between the amounts of **\$200 minimum to \$750 maximum** per selected applicant or team of applicants (no more than two applicants per grant application).

Awarded funds **may not** be used to supplant existing funds. Awarded funds **may be** used to compensate an expert coming to work with students, but **may not pay** Caroline County Public School staff or teachers.

26-27 TIMELINE

- ❖ May 22 - Grant Announcement
- ❖ September 4 - Grant Applications Due
- ❖ September 21 - Winners notified by this date
- ❖ September 25 - Disbursement of Funds
- ❖ April - Presentation of Grant Implementation to CEF
- ❖ May 8 - Return of unused funds & Final Grant Report Due

Please see the grant application for more specific details on the CCPS website. Navigate to “Community”, then click “Foundation”.

2026-2027

CEF MISSION

We develop and sustain community and business partnerships, and serve as effective stewards of resources, to create quality educational opportunities that promote high performance in all students in Caroline County Public Schools.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Proposals must:

- Meet a Compelling Need
- Embed Success Logistics
- Promote Efficiency and Value
- Reflect Innovation and Engagement
- Deliver Results that Demonstrate Impact

Applicants are encouraged to review the 2026-2027 CEF Innovation Grant Rubric located on the CCPS website under the Community tab (Click on Foundation)..

QUESTIONS

Refer any questions regarding this application to Mr. Michael Mudd, Asst. Superintendent of Instruction.

