

December 2019

**Dear BMS Teachers,**

We want to give you money! We know that your job is hard, and we appreciate the work you do for our students. We want to invest in you and/or projects that you believe will help your students. Please find attached to this letter, the annual grant application for BHS teachers for the 2019-20 school year.

The BEF Grant Committee works with the principal of your school to develop themes for teacher grant applications. This year we have worked with your principal, Jennifer Ellsperman, to determine these themes:

**Professional development expenses and/or materials for:**

- Differentiation
- Differentiated instruction (content, process, product)
- Cooperative learning structures (structured conversation)
- Research-based instructional strategies (visuals, Depth & Complexity, other specific ELD or Peak strategies) and/or
- Gradual instruction model (scaffolding- I do/We do/You do, guided groups)
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**Innovation, Project Based Learning, Increased Engagement, Relevancy, Hands-On, Interest-Based instruction**

We are encouraging grant applications to fit within these themes. The themes are broad by design, and we look forward to seeing many different ideas. We also encourage teachers to work together to come up with collaborative projects, though this is not required. Our average grant award to teachers is typically in the range of \$1,350 per grant, but we consider requests for a couple hundred dollars up to several thousand.

Our application deadline for the 2019/2020 grant cycle is **January 31, 2020**. To be eligible a project need **not** be something that will be completed during the current school year. We will also consider applications for projects that will extend into or occur within the 2020/2021 school year. *Decisions will be made soon thereafter and you will be notified in mid-March.*

All grant applications should be submitted by email to both Lauren Cornish and Lindsay Lofaro by 6 p.m. on January 31, 2020. Please let us know if you have any questions. You may reach either



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Lauren or Lindsay as follows:

Lauren Cornish: phone at 970-987-1365 and email at [lcornish@basaltedu.org](mailto:lcornish@basaltedu.org)

Lindsay Lofaro: phone at 970-309-3172 and email at [lindsaylofaro@gmail.com](mailto:lindsaylofaro@gmail.com)

Thank you. And Go Longhorns!



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**BASALT EDUCATION FOUNDATION TEACHER GRANT APPLICATION**

**BASALT MIDDLE SCHOOL – 2019/2020**

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Site/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name(s) & Position(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone No. & Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Students Benefited (estimated): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Staff Benefitted (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a collaborative project, please list all staff working on this project:

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total budget for this project \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Are there other sources of funding being used? YES or NO

If yes, from what source(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount from other source(s) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Project Duration: Beginning date \_\_\_\_\_ Ending date \_\_\_\_\_

Have you requested funds from the Basalt Education Foundation before?

YES NO

If so, how much; name of project; whether approved or denied

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved (Yes/No): \_\_\_\_\_



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Describe the project.

Why is this project important; what are the goals?

Is this project a collaboration among more than one teacher? Please describe.

How will you know if the project was successful and the goals met?



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How will you report the degree of success back to the Basalt Education Foundation?

If applicable, how will you continue the program in the future? What will be the recurring costs?

Please use this space to tell us anything else about this project that you feel will help us understand how it meets the Foundation's evaluation criteria?