

Project Grant Instructions Application School Year 2025 - 2026

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Instructions:

Please submit your application electronically to <u>info@firefoundationwichita.org</u> by Monday, April 14, 2025. Applications will be reviewed by our Board of Directors and awardees notified the week of April 28, 2025.

Project Grant Information:

The FIRE Foundation of Wichita is proud to administer a "Project Grant Program" for the 2025 - 2026 school year. These are one-time grants that will be awarded to Wichita diocesan schools in amounts up to \$1,500. These Project Grants will allow our partner schools the opportunity to obtain funds in order to take small steps towards more inclusive classrooms and schools.

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 <u>University of Notre Dame's Partners In Education</u> program as an option for PD, in addition to other resources. Contact us for details.)
- Professional conference registrations and associated travel expenses
- 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 is a Catholic school within the boundaries of the Wichita Diocese.
- The school is accepting or is open to accepting student(s) with more moderate

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 education and growing their inclusion program.
- The school commits to sharing information with their educators and school community about FIRE Foundation of Wichita's mission, available professional development and parent learning opportunities.
- The school agrees to complete a Project Grant Assessment Report at the completion of the project to measure success and provide feedback.

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