



SPEF Grants Awarded 2023-24

Total Funding: \$63,825

Grant Title: Workplace Wellness for SPS Teachers and Staff

School Site: Districtwide - Administration

Grant Writer: Kira Frisby and Lindy Zamborsky

Amount: \$3,958

Funding to purchase “wellness kits” and health-related prizes for staff participating in wellness activities. To continue to improve the quality of achievement of our students, we must also improve the quality of health and wellness of our school employees.

Grant Title: Translating Reading Pens for Multilingual Learners

School Site: Districtwide PK-12

Grant Writer: Stephanie Coca

Amount: \$3,852

Funding to purchase NEWYES reading/translating pens and KVIDIO Bluetooth Headphones to be used by students at all sites.

Grant Title: Enhancing Opportunities for Special Olympics Athletes

School Site: SPED Adapted Special Education - PK-5

Grant Writer: Beverly Taylor

Amount: \$3,923

Provides funding for equipment and uniforms for Special Olympics teams and equipment for adapted aquatics programs.

Grant Title: Percussion Instruments for Growth and Success

School Site: Stillwater Middle School

Grant Writer: KG Robinson

Amount: \$3,993

Funding to purchase percussion instruments to create a concert second band at the Stillwater Middle School. To meet the demand of students who want to participate in the band, SMS needs to expand from one to two concert bands.

Grant Title: Culinary Pathways
School Site: Stillwater High School
Grant Writer: Heather Mitchell
Amount: \$1,033

Funding for kitchen tools and support for the students in the Pathways program to establish a catering business.

Grant Title: “Be Kind to Your Mind and PROJECTOR a Smile”
School Site: Stillwater Junior High School
Grant Writer: Kane Mach and Crystal Szymanski
Amount: \$4,000.00 - Bartley Fund

Funding to purchase a projector, wall screen, cables, and installation for the Stillwater Junior High. SJHS will provide \$6,000 of their own funds to fully fund the \$10,000 cost. The projector will be used for school-wide presentations.

Grant Title: Bringing the Gift of Music Through Ukuleles
School Site: Highland Park Elementary
Grant Writer: Christine Horton
Amount: \$3,970

Funds will be used to purchase 25 ukuleles, teacher ukulele, music books, and a traveling cart to store and transport the ukuleles.

Grant Title: Flocabulary: Making Reading Meaning Become Music to our Ears
School Site: Richmond Elementary School
Grant Writer: Colby Torres
Amount: \$144

One year subscription to Flocabulary, an online library of videos and songs that will support teaching of ELA skills for the entire 4th grade at Richmond Elementary.

Grant Title: An Artistic Frame of Mind
School Site: Stillwater High School
Grant Writer: Shannon Peters
Amount: \$736

Funding to purchase frames and materials for student art to be displayed at the Stillwater Community Center. This will be a permanent display space where student’s work can be viewed by the public on an ongoing basis.

Grant Title: Building Confidence and Engagement Through Spanish Novels

School Site: Stillwater Junior High

Grant Writer: Abby Billman

Amount: \$570

30 copies of two Spanish novels to be read as a class in Spanish 1.

Grant Title: Pathways to Literacy

School Site: Will Rogers Elementary

Grant Writer: Ginger Billman

Amount: \$615

Funding to purchase several sets of decodable readers for reading intervention.

Grant Title: Sensory Objects to Help ALL Learners!

School Site: Stillwater Middle School

Grant Writer: Josh Zimmerman

Amount: \$747

Funding for a library of sensory objects that will supply classrooms, under the direction of special education teachers and administrators, to support students with sensory disabilities. Items include, fidget toys, wiggle seats, weighted blankets, noise reduction headphones and chair bands.

Grant Title: Away from My Desk

School Site: Stillwater Middle School

Grant Writer: Connie Sinor

Amount: \$60

30 clipboards for the classroom to allow students to work away from their desks.

Grant Title: Lincoln Art at the Prairie

School Site: Lincoln Academy

Grant Writer: Shandi Treat

Amount: \$750

Funding to take 10 students from Lincoln Academy to the Prairie Arts Center for weekly arts classes. These include: painting, ceramics, sculpting, and printmaking.

Grant Title: Guitar Club Proposal

School Site: Lincoln Academy

Grant Writer: Aaron Frisby

Amount: \$750

Funding to purchase 3 guitars to create a guitar club at Lincoln Academy.

Grant Title: Creating Pathways to Success: Special Education Center Enhancement Project

School Site: Highland Park Elementary

Grant Writer: Dallis Hubbard

Amount: \$750

Funding to create pre-made reading and math centers for a special education classroom.

Grant Title: BOLT! Into Learning

School Site: Sangre Ridge Elementary

Grant Writer: Andi Scaggs

Amount: \$3,993

Funding to purchase 15 Sphero BOLT robots and accessories for gifted classroom. Students will use these to work on computer science and computational thinking.

Grant Title: Fostering Engagement and Collaboration Through Flexible Seating

School Site: Highland Park Elementary

Grant Writer: Leah Silver

Amount: \$2,881

Funding to purchase for flexible seating options for 4th grade classroom.

Grant Title: Make Our Students Heard

School Site: Skyline Elementary

Grant Writer: Kat Goss

Amount: \$2,923

Provides funding for microphones for music performances that include student-led musicals, visiting ensembles and other artistic groups.

Grant Title: Ready for Reading with Decodable Books and Magazines

School Site: Will Rogers Elementary

Grant Writer: Jenn Mitchell

Amount: \$2,747

Funding to purchase decodable readers designed for older readers who are working with the reading interventionist.

Grant Title: Games for Gains: A Math Learning Library

School Site: Skyline Elementary

Grant Writer: Karen Diaz and Angela Braggs

Amount: \$2,978

Funding for math games to create a math library for the entire school that teachers can use to enhance math curriculum.

Grant Title: P.E. Programming and Equipment

School Site: Lincoln Academy

Grant Writer: Chad Hutcherson

Amount: \$2,402

Funding to purchase P.E equipment at Lincoln Academy to support their new P.E. program and P.E. teacher.

Grant Title: Getting to the Guts of A&P: Anatomical Models – Because Learning Shouldn't Just Be Skin Deep.

School Site: Stillwater High School

Grant Writer: Traci Richardson

Amount: \$3,998

Funding to purchase MANIKEN student models to incorporate into Anatomy and Physiology courses.

Grant Title: Cooperating to Learn: Equipping Teachers with Resources to Maximize Student Engagement and Achievement

School Site: Sangre Ridge Elementary

Grant Writer: Angela Braggs

Amount: \$2,016

Funding to purchase items for a schoolwide, cooperative learning resource library for all staff to use.

Grant Title: Music: Creating Beauty and Breaking Barriers

School Site: Stillwater Middle School

Grant Writer: Katie Geneviro

Amount: \$4,000

Funding to purchase new music for middle school band.

Grant Title: Music: Learning is Fun!

School Site: Westwood Elementary

Grant Writer: Lauren Gin

Amount: \$805

Funding to purchase materials for task boxes to promote independence and learning through play and movement in special education classroom.

Grant Title: “Calculating Success: Empowering Education Through the Integration of Large Calculators”

School Site: Stillwater Middle School

Grant Writer: Summer Montgomery

Amount: \$391

Funding to purchase a classroom set of large calculators for students with special needs.

Grant Title: Building Bridges with Decodables

School Site: Will Rogers Elementary

Grant Writer: Susan Coltharp

Amount: \$615

Funding to purchase several sets of decodable readers for reading intervention.

Grant Title: Take a Seat

School Site: Richmond Elementary

Grant Writer: Stevphanie Thurber

Amount: \$736

Funding for flexible and alternate seating for special needs classroom.

Grant Title: Ag Friday’s: Exploring Our Environment

School Site: Will Rogers Elementary

Grant Writer: Amber Bales

Amount: \$604

Funding for digital and pocket microscopes and Science ReGrow Kits to support agricultural learning in 4th grade class.

Grant Title: Ending Our Book Desert

School Site: Highland Park Elementary

Grant Writer: Tracy Pendred

Amount: \$648

Funding to purchase 2 Little Free Libraries and posting materials to be located in the community within walking distance for Highland Park students.

Grant Title: New Math Teacher

School Site: Stillwater Middle School

Grant Writer: Kristen Kennedy

Amount: \$170 (partially funded)

Funding for classroom set up clipboards, decks of cards and counter sets. Did not fund general school supplies and classroom organizational supplies.

Grant Title: Feelings are Important

School Site: Skyline Elementary

Grant Writer: Tammatha Wells

Amount: \$159

Funding for books that teach how to express feelings in a productive way.

Grant Title: Empowering Young Adults for Social and Vocational Success

School Site: Stillwater High School - Pathfinders

Grant Writer: Kelsie Tate

Amount: \$718

Funding to setup a workroom with sensory tools and educational games to focus on social and emotional skill development.

Grant Title: Junior High Choral Music Library Expansion

School Site: Stillwater Junior High School

Grant Writer: Brandon Bowman

Amount: \$730

Funding for new and diverse music and to supports the new Treble Choir and Tenor-Bass Choir at the Junior High.