



Paul Hastings Equitable Education Fund – Pilot Program Frequently Asked Questions

Am I eligible to apply for your grant program?

Applicants must be educators working at accredited K-12 public, private or charter schools that maintain a 501(c)(3) or 509(a)(1) tax-exempt status. We define “educator” broadly to include all professionals working directly with K-12 students – teachers, paraeducators, school counselors, occupational therapists, library media specialists, or skilled trades staff may apply.

Are there certain types of projects that are more likely to be funded?

We strongly encourage applicants to apply for funding in any area. All applications will be scored according to our [program rubric](#). Proposals with a well-defined need statement and a program design that clearly addresses those needs will receive higher scores.

My classroom is in need of electronic technology. Will the grant cover their purchase and maintenance?

While the focus of the EEF is innovative programming, we recognize the need for laptops, tablets and other electronics is at an all-time high. If laptops or tablets are required for the effective delivery of a proposed program, applicants should demonstrate this in their application materials, and ensure that they do not account for more than 50% of the total overall budget.

Are grants paid out at once, or over time?

EEF Grants will be paid in two portions – 50% at acceptance, and 50% after a mid-point evaluation of your program. Applicants will be asked to report on the KPIs discussed in their application, and the final payment will be disbursed upon acceptance of that report.

Are grants paid to me directly, or will I need a fiscal sponsor?

At this time, we are asking all applicants to identify a fiscal sponsor to accept and be responsible for grant funds on their behalf. If the EEF were to disburse funds directly to applicants, the IRS may consider the grant personal income and therefore taxable income. The Applicant’s school, school district, school board, institution’s grants administration or development office, or local union may serve as a fiscal sponsor and as a not-for-profit entity and should be able to accept the funds without tax liability. This description is not intended to be tax advice; we suggest that you consult with a tax professional or accountant if you have questions.

If I have received a grant from another source for my program, am I still eligible for funding through the EEF?

Yes. Projects with long-term sustainability are of particular interest to the EEF. Applicants can tell us more about their funding sources in the “Budget” section of the application.

My grant project is going to involve some after-school planning time. In my grant budget, can I include stipends for the individuals who will be helping?

No. Grant funds cannot pay stipends, salaries, or overtime wages.

If I receive a grant in the pilot phase, will I be eligible to apply for grants in future cycles?

Yes. Participation in the pilot phase of the program will not exclude you from participation in future EEF grant cycles.

If you have additional questions, please email us at csr@paulhastings.com.