

**Ell-Saline
Cardinal Foundation for
Educational Excellence**

**GRANT
PROPOSALS**

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

PROJECT: _____

**2026-2027
School Year**

Cardinal Foundation Grants

PART I GRANT DESCRIPTION AND PROCEDURES

The Ell-Saline Cardinal Foundation for Educational Excellence will provide grants to **any employee of the district** to promote increased learning, to promote improved job performance, to promote increased efficiency, and/or to promote other factors that are considered as worthwhile projects. These grants are funded entirely by foundation funds. The program is developed to provide funding for purchases that would otherwise not be possible.

Grants will be considered for distribution to **any employee**. Preference will be given to programs that are (1) likely to increase learning to teaching effectiveness in the classroom setting, and (2) improve facility appearance or visibility.

The only limit on the amount of individual grants is the total amount available each year. The total amount available for grants for the school year is determined annually at the Cardinal Foundation Board of Director's meeting in the fall of each year. **Any employee** may apply for, and receive, more than one grant. If applying for more than one grant, the employee should note on them "Priority 1" and "Priority 2". Employees may complete applications as individuals or groups.

Grants will be awarded on a merit basis as determined by the Cardinal Foundation Board of Directors. Selections may be made without the Cardinal Foundation knowing the names of the applicants.

At the conclusion of the project, grant recipients will be required to report the findings and effectiveness to the Cardinal Foundation for Educational Excellence at a scheduled meeting. Successful projects will also be shared with all district employees as they would potentially gain from the information.

To be considered, the grant application must be completed in full prior to submittal. Incomplete grant applications will not be considered. Grant applications are to be submitted to the building principal. The building principal or superintendent will present the proposals to the Ell-Saline Cardinal Foundation for Educational Excellence.

ELL-SALINE CARDINAL FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE GRANT TIMETABLE

To qualify for a grant, the following timetable must be met.

October 2, 2026	Completed applications submitted to Building Principals
October 9, 2026	Building Principals turn applications in to District Office
TBD	Ell-Saline Cardinal Foundation meeting to review applications and determine projects to be funded
October 28, 2026	Notification of approved applications sent to all applicants

Purchase of materials is to be made through the normal Purchase Requisition procedures of USD 307. Mark Purchase Requisitions as "Cardinal Foundation" and submit by November 18, 2026.

PART II

BUDGET DATA

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PART III

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Leader _____

Other Project Participants (Employees) _____

Please describe the proposed project. Include what, where, how, when, and who will be included in the project. This narrative needs to be very detailed, as grants will be evaluated on the provided information.

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This should describe the extent to which the project is likely to contribute to improvement of the quality of education, job performance, efficiency, facility, etc.

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This should describe why the project should be considered under the grant proposal rather than as a part of the regular school operation.

This should describe how the project will be evaluated and the reporting methods to be used to enhance the potential for disseminating and replicating the project.

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