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2019 Winter Teacher Creativity Mini-Grant Recipients

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The Board of Trustees of The Portland Foundation has approved Teacher Creativity Mini-Grants totaling \$6,146.54 for 22 projects for the first half of 2019.

Teacher Creativity Mini-Grants are to help cover the costs (\$300 or less) of learning experiences which teachers feel are important to their students, yet are outside the budget of their school. This program is funded by the Virgil and Josephine Thomas Educational Fund, a component fund of The Portland Foundation, as a way to increase funding for educational projects and programs.

This program funds grants for field trips, classroom supplies, class projects, programs, music or art instruction, speakers, educational materials and seminars. The purpose is to allow teachers to become more creative in their teaching styles and methods, without being hindered by cost.

The grants awarded are as follows:

Ms. Kerri Andreshack - Westlawn Elementary School Grade 1 - \$300 to fund the performance of "Junie B Jones First Grader at Last"

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Ms. Tavia Boolman - East Jay Middle School Grade 6 - \$249 to fund the purchase of Flocabulary, Kid Blog and Dropbox programs

Ms. Kelly Bricker - Redkey Elementary School Art - \$300 to fund the purchase of rocket kits

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Ms. Gina Brockman - East Jay Middle School Grade 8 - \$210.68 to fund the purchase of STEM instruction materials

Ms. Megan Byard - East Jay Middle School Grade 8 - \$300 to fund the purchase of a 31-class set of the novel "All American Boys"

Ms. Stacy Campbell - Redkey Elementary School Kindergarten - \$287 to fund the purchase of a sensory table

Ms. Tracy Christman - Westlawn Elementary School Grade 2 - \$300 to fund the performance of "Junie B Jones First Grader at Last"

Ms. Lisa Cook - Jay School Corporation Speech - \$289.80 to fund the purchase of speech and language instruction materials

Ms. Holly Farr - Westlawn Elementary School Grade 4 - \$300 to fund the purchase of an Amazon Echo, an Amazon Dot, and related items

Ms. Cathy Fugiett - Redkey Elementary School Library - \$300 to fund the purchase of Lego Chain Reaction kits

Ms. Cathy Fugiett - Westlawn Elementary School Library - \$300 to fund the purchase of Lego Chain Reaction kits

Ms. Kristen Gibson - Bloomfield Elementary School Grade 5 - \$81.51 to fund the purchase of fluorescent light covers for the classroom

Mr. Giles Laux - Bloomfield Elementary School Grade 5 - \$280 to fund the purchase of a VEX IQ starter kit

Ms. Nicci Littler - Westlawn Elementary School Library - \$275 to fund the purchase of a child sized picnic table made of



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recycled plastic cups

Ms. Beth Mathewson - Jay School Corporation Speech - \$296.36 to fund the purchase of Prokoque2Go posters

Ms. Lindsey Peterson - East Elementary School - \$280.19 to fund the purchase of materials to decorate the interior of the school

Ms. Jacqueline Rinard - Redkey Elementary School Kindergarten - \$300 to fund the purchase a new sight word initiative

Ms. Christa Robinson - Westlawn Elementary School Reading Recovery - \$300 to fund the purchase of leveled books

Ms. JoAnn Scott - Jay School Corporation Special Education - \$297 to fund the purchase of three IPEVO 4K Ultra High Definition USB Document Cameras to assist visually impaired students

Ms. Sara Wolf - Westlawn Elementary School Kindergarten - \$300 to fund the purchase of "Reading Reading" books

The next Teacher Creativity Mini-grant Application deadline is June 1, 2019.