



Texas School for the  
Deaf **FOUNDATION**

## 2017-2018 TSD Foundation Mini-Grant Program

### TSD Teachers and Staff:

The TSD Foundation Board wishes you a happy and successful school year!

The TSD Foundation Board exists to support you and the work of the TSD here in Austin, and the work of ERCOD and outreach services across the State of Texas. To that end, we have tried to simplify the Mini-Grant process for this coming year. The information below seeks to summarize the inner-workings of the Mini-Grant awards.

**Purpose:** TSD Foundation Mini-Grants encourage, facilitate, recognize, and reward innovative and creative approaches to teaching and learning by funding instructional/classroom materials, equipment, and activities that support the objectives, goals, and initiatives of the Texas School for the Deaf School Improvement Plan. Our criteria for granting these awards include:

- Potential to impact student growth
- Creative and innovative approach
- Measurable outcomes
- Clear and logical proposal

**Selection:** Projects that meet the application and selection criteria, and are designed to begin after November 1, 2017 and to be completed by August 1, 2018 will be considered.

Grants may fund instructional and classroom materials and equipment and/or activities which support teaching and learning.

**WE WILL CONSIDER GRANTS FOR PROJECTS THAT TAKE PLACE FROM AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>–NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, SO IF YOU HAVE A PROJECT THAT YOU ARE CARRYING OUT PRIOR TO NOV 1<sup>ST</sup>, YOU CAN SUBMIT THE PROJECT FOR CONSIDERATION OF MINI-GRANT FUNDING AND, IF AWARDED, YOU WILL RECEIVE FUNDS RETROACTIVELY FOR YOUR PROJECT AT THE TIME ALL OTHER MINI-GRANT FUNDS ARE GIFTED.**

**Funds Awarded by TSD Foundation:** Grants up to \$1,000 will be awarded to individual programs or projects. The number of awards will depend on monies available from the Texas School for the Deaf Foundation. Applicants may submit more than one request. Project review and acceptance will be the responsibility of the TSD Foundation Board and decisions will be based upon a rubric corresponding to the application. The rubric may be viewed with the application online at [www.tsdfoundation.org](http://www.tsdfoundation.org) beginning Monday, August 21, 2017. Applicants will be notified of decisions by Monday, November 6, 2017.



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**To Apply:** The 2017-2018 TSD Foundation Mini-Grant application will be available online on **Monday, August 21, 2017**. Please go to [www.tsdfoundation.org](http://www.tsdfoundation.org) and click on the mini-grant link. **All applications must be pre-approved by your department head and completed online.**

**Application and Evaluation Deadlines:** Proposals must be received by the Texas School for the Deaf Foundation ([TSDFoundation.org](http://TSDFoundation.org)) by **Wednesday, September 20, 2017**. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. If your project is awarded, an evaluation report is due within two weeks of completion to be eligible for consideration the following year.

**Important!! Any recipient of a 2016–2017 TSD Foundation Mini-Grant must submit an online report of their project by Monday, September 18, 2017 in order to be eligible to apply for a 2017–2018 TSD Foundation Mini-Grant. The report form is available at <http://bit.ly/2uPTno9>.**

### **Selection Criteria:**

- Support of the Texas School for the Deaf School Improvement Plan
- Potential to impact student growth. Sometimes projects give in-depth life-changing assistance to a few, and other times, projects offer an enhanced opportunity for many students.
- Creative and innovative approach
- Degree to which the proposal is clear and logical
- Degree to which the outcomes are measurable and demonstrate student growth

**Awards Notification:** Applicants will be notified of decisions by November 6, 2017.

**Questions:** Contact Marilyn Galloway, TSD Foundation Mini-Grant Committee Chair, [marilynwg110@yahoo.com](mailto:marilynwg110@yahoo.com) or [minigrants@tsdfoundation.org](mailto:minigrants@tsdfoundation.org).

### **TSD Foundation 2017- 2018 Mini-Grants Time Line and Important Dates**

- ✓ **August 21** - Mini-Grant Application Online
- ✓ **September 19** - 2016-2017 Mini-Grant Reports Due
- ✓ **September 20** - Application Deadline
- ✓ **September 30–October 24** - TSD Foundation Mini-Grant Committee Reviews Applications
- ✓ **November 6** - Announcement of 2017-2018 Mini-Grants Awardees

### **Information on 2016 – 2017 Mini-Grants**

TSD Foundation granted \$30,000 in Mini-Grants to the TSD and ERCOD staff.

TSD Foundation funded 46 of the 70 proposed project applications.

## TSD Foundation Rubric for Evaluating Mini-Grant Proposals

Points	Criteria	Excellent	Good	Fair	Missing
___ out of 10	<b>Rationale of Proposal</b>	Addresses a need consistent with TSD's Annual District Improvement Plan. 8 – 10 points	Addresses a need somewhat consistent with Annual District Improvement Plan. 4 – 7 points	The stated need does not address TSD's Annual District Improvement Plan. 1 – 3 points	No need is stated.  0 points
___ out of 20	<b>Proposal's Major Objectives</b>	The objectives are defined and obtainable. The outcomes are stated and measurable. 14 – 20 points	The objectives are defined and the educational outcomes are stated. 7 – 13 points	The objectives are defined, but measurable outcomes are unclear. 1 – 6 points	The objectives are unclear; no measurable outcomes are included.  0 points
___ out of 20	<b>Plans for the Project</b>	The project's methods are instructionally sound. The standards and benchmarks are clearly identified and the project is doable. 14 – 20 points	The project's methods are instructionally sound. The initiative standards and benchmarks are identified, but the project may not be doable. 7 – 13 points	The project's methods are identified. The standards and benchmarks are not clearly defined. 1 – 6 points	The project's methods are not identified. No standards or measures are cited.  0 points
___ out of 20	<b>Benefit to TSD, Students and Staff</b>	A significant positive impact on the identified needs of the targeted group is certain 14 – 20 points	Some positive impact on the identified needs of the targeted group is indicated. 7 – 13 points	There is little indication that the identified needs of the targeted group are addressed. 1 – 6 points	No stated impact or benefit is given.  0 points
___ out of 20	<b>Evaluation</b>	Methods to evaluate the effectiveness are included and specific evaluative activities are identified. 14 – 20 points	Methods for evaluating the project are included. 7 – 13 points	References evaluating the effectiveness are not specific. 1 – 6 points	Evaluation is not addressed.  0 points
___ out of 10	<b>Time Line</b>	The time line is clearly stated with realistic, attainable dates. All activities are linked to the time line. 8 – 10 points	The time line is clear with realistic, attainable dates. 4 – 7 points	The time line is unclear or is not realistic for the successful completion of the project. 1 – 3 points	No time line is included.  0 points