

Grant #1

ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

Please answer each of the following questions. If more space is needed, please attach extra pages. Please avoid using names of specific teachers and/or schools in your responses as all grants are blinded for review.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Briefly describe the project, please include the project's goals and how they will be attained and measured.

Students benefit from a variety of learning environments that stimulate student energy and engagement. An outdoor learning space would provide such stimulation while alleviating some of the mask burden students and teachers currently share. A space for outdoor learning that provides the resources needed for direct instruction would provide science students enriched learning experiences. However, this space will be accessible to all classes, so that the mental health benefits of outdoor learning can be shared by all students. There is currently no dedicated outdoor instructional space and creating one would maximize our use of resources on campus, cultivate community involvement, and increase pride among students and the school community. The success of the project will be evaluated when the outdoor learning space construction is completed, and the space is usable by classes. A log of space use and context of use will be maintained. Student and teacher surveys will be used to collect data for the project evaluation.

INNOVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF LEARNING

2. Explain what makes this project innovative. How will assist you in meeting the needs of our students? Please be specific and provide data to support the need if possible.

The space being proposed in this project will benefit all students and can be utilized in a variety of curriculum areas. Furthermore, it can be replicated in future years to expand the accessibility to the outdoors for our students. This will be the first outdoor learning space on campus and our students will reap the cognitive and mental health benefits of learning in such a space.

AUDIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY

- 3 (a). Describe the student population targeted by this project. Might this project be repeated with new students in future years? Explain.

This project will benefit every student who will attend PTHS for the foreseeable future.

- 3 (b). How many students will be served?

This project will immediately benefit each of approximately 1400 current students at Peters Township High School. Because it is a permanent space that will be accessible to all classes, and it can serve as a model for additional outdoor spaces on campus, the impact will grow each school year.

PROJECT EVALUATION

4. How will you evaluate the success of this project? What data, criteria, assessments, surveys, statistics or other measures will you use to assess its impact?

A log of use for the space will be maintained to collect data on what classes use the space, how frequently it is used, and how the space is being used. Surveys will be conducted to collect data on student perceptions and opinions on the space.

BUDGET

5. Please provide the following information for the items you intend to purchase for this project. If some of the items you will use to carry out this project are being paid by using funds from sources other than the GEO Grant (i.e., the school district, other grants, etc.) please include these items but enter zero (0) for the amount. This will let the reviewers know that the project is completely sustainable even if the Foundation is not financing the entire budget. Attach additional pages if necessary. Briefly describe any items that may be unfamiliar to the application reviewers.

Please consider your "ideal" request and also what you would be willing to accept if funds are limited. (For example, if 20 ipads for your classroom is ideal, but you would accept 5 or 10 and have students work in groups please indicate that below.)

	ITEM	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1	12 in x 48 in concrete tube form	Home Depot	\$13.27
2	5, 80 lb bags of concrete mix	Home Depot	\$23.80
3	2, 4 x 4 x 8 pressure treated posts	Home Depot	\$22.96
4	Various hardware (nail, bolts, screws)	Home Depot	\$200.00
5	10, 2 x 4 x 12 pressure treated lumber	Home Depot	\$77.80
6	24, 1.25 x 6 x 12 deck boards	Home Depot	\$277.92
7	Exterior stain and sealant	Home Depot	\$119.94
		BUDGET TOTAL:	\$735.69

IMPORTANT NOTE: In order to ensure that projects including technology are priced properly, employees requesting technology or technology related items must submit prices for review to Adam Swinchock, Director of Instructional Technology. **Technology proposals without his signature will not be considered by the committee.** Please also consider allowing for a 2-4% increase in pricing as pre-holiday prices typically increase in the new year when we are purchasing the items.

Required for proposals including technology items:

Signature: _____ Date: _____