



FUTURES Foundation's 2025-26 Teacher Classroom Grants Information Sheet

The Teacher Classroom Grant Program's objective is to encourage and support teachers who have great ideas for creative use of curriculum that will provide enhanced learning experiences for their students. FUTURES will transition to a new grants management platform for the 2025-26 program year and will begin accepting grant request applications on **July 15, 2025** via our website:

<https://bit.ly/TeacherClassroomGrants>

Who May Apply?

All Volusia County Public Schools' K-12 teachers are encouraged to apply. Each teacher may submit two (2) grant requests, up to \$1,000 each. There is no limit of applications per school.

Classroom Grant Funding Cycle:

- July 15 – Grants platform opens!
- September 15 – Grants platform closes and will no longer accept grant requests.
- October – Classroom Grant Committee reviews & recommends allocations for all classroom grant requests.
- Surprise Grant Delivery Days – Grant Recipients are surprised with funding at their schools!
- April 10, 2026 – Recommended deadline to purchase all items and complete projects.
- April 30, 2026 – Online Impact Report is due and deadline to return any unused funds in excess of \$25 to FUTURES (interoffice to FUTURES at Facilities Services/Olson Drive).

What won't be funded?

This list is not comprehensive, and the committee reserves the right to make adjustments.

Grant funding is not to be used for:

- t-shirts or other swag branded items
- awards, certificates, gift cards, vouchers
- incentives or other treasure box style gifts for students
- food, unless used for an educational purpose (*contact for more information*)
- travel or mileage reimbursement
- furniture or classroom décor, unless used for educational purpose (*contact for more information*)
- stipends/salaries or staff development
- Computer hardware such as Nooks, Kindles, iPads, laptops, desktops, and regular printers
- Items to be sold or used as part of a fundraiser
- Web-based programs, software, and subscriptions

Questions? Contact us!

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New platform? What has changed?

1. This system allows FUTURES to personalize the questions to get better information from you – no second-guessing what information is needed.
2. Unlike Find It Fund it, there is no public view of the projects posted online. Any pictures posted will stay within FUTURES records. (Please notify us if we should not post the photos online as part of our social media plan).
3. It's a newer and more modern platform that is user friendly, with responsive tech support services.
4. Unlike Fund It Fund It, there is no crowdfunding feature. We recommend only applying for items that the committee will consider funding.

How do I submit a grant request?

1. Start on our website: <https://bit.ly/TeacherClassroomGrants> to get started.
2. On this site, you'll see an info sheet, a request template, and a link to register & apply.
3. Teachers will need to register using a VCS email address.
4. After logging in, click on "Select", choose "Teacher Classroom Grant Application", and select "Create" – follow the directions to fill in the required information for your request. You can save and complete later! Once completed, press "submit as final."
5. You can still make edits to your submitted grant up until the deadline!

What happens after I submit my grant request(s)?

1. After the deadline, principals will receive an email from FUTURES to review and approve/deny all requests for their school.
2. FUTURES Foundation staff will review your application to make sure everything is ready for the committee. This is not a typical practice, but as we transition to this new platform, we plan to provide a little extra support to ensure you have the best chance at receiving funding.
3. A committee consisting of educators, district leadership, subject area specialists, community leaders and FUTURES Board Members and staff shall review the online applications.
4. Funded projects will be surprised at their schools with checks!

A few important items to note:

- ✓ If at any time, you determine your project will not come to fruition, please return the funds to FUTURES immediately so they may be re-allocated to a viable project. Waiting until the end of the school year to notify us may result in being disqualified from Classroom Grant funding next school year.
- ✓ FUTURES Foundation requires that recipients advertise and note FUTURES Foundation as a source of funding on all grant materials. Please tag us on X, Facebook, Instagram, and/or LinkedIn.
- ✓ All items, including instructional materials, purchased with money from Find It & Fund It Florida are the property of the school, not the individual teacher, and must remain with the originating school if the teacher moves to a different school or leaves the District; unless administration provides express written consent to removal or transfer.
- ✓ It is the policy of FUTURES Foundation that Charter Schools shall not be eligible to apply for grants under the FUTURES Classroom Grant Program, absent extenuating circumstances to be considered by the Board of Directors at its sole discretion from time to time.