



*Riverside Educational
Enrichment Foundation*

Enhancing Education, Promoting Excellence

FOR TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND STAFF

The Teaching Enrichment Grant Program supports teachers, students, and staff in the Riverside Unified School District in developing enriching experiences and promoting excellence in their classrooms and schools.

IMPORTANT DATES

Applications Due	September 4, 2026 , no later than 4:00 pm LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
Recipients Notified	Week of October 5, 2026
Final Evaluations Due	June 30, 2027

GUIDELINES FOR THE 2026/2027 APPLICATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Please complete the Google Form linked below. Be prepared to address the following questions. Be brief and concise.

I. ABSTRACT:

- a. In a brief paragraph, summarize your teaching enrichment project.

II. NARRATIVE:

- a. What need does your project address? What are the goals & anticipated educational outcomes?
- b. What methods and activities will you use?
- c. Which Standards & Benchmarks are supported by your project? (Be specific.)
- d. How will you evaluate the effectiveness of your teaching enrichment project?
- e. How will parents and the community be involved?
- f. If you receive a grant, what, specifically, will you do to publicize and promote REEF?

III. TIMELINE:

- a. What is the timeline for your project?

IV. BUDGET:

- a. **Itemize your list of project costs.** Please list other sources or in-kind contributions, if applicable. NOTE: Bus transportation and substitute teacher costs will not be considered for grant funding. NOTE: Funds to purchase technology hardware, such as iPads, computers, projectors, and document cameras, are considered “base program” and will not be considered for funding.



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REEF MISSION

The Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation, a nonprofit organization, provides enriching educational opportunities for students in the Riverside Unified School District. By creating and expanding community partnerships, we fund teacher grants in science, language arts, math, social studies, physical education, and the visual and performing arts.

THE BONNIE G. POLIS & CARPENTER TEACHING ENRICHMENT GRANT PROGRAMS.

Educators and students have a wealth of ideas on how to enrich learning experiences, thus reaching more students and improving achievement. The Bonnie G. Polis & Carpenter Teaching Enrichment Grant Programs are intended to support teachers and students throughout RUSD. We award funds to creative teachers, students, and staff so they can see their ideas become a reality.

WHO MAY APPLY

Teachers, students, and staff of the Riverside Unified School District may apply for grant funds.

GRANT FUNDING

The Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation will award grants of up to \$1,000 for an individual teacher and up to \$3,000 for grade-level teacher teams or school-wide programs. Cost-effective proposals are favored.

APPLICATION DUE DATE

All applications are due by 4:00 p.m., Friday, September 4, 2026. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Grant recipients will be notified by the week of October 5, 2026, via email.

APPLICATIONS

Applications must be completed through the Google Form. No paper applications will be accepted.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Visit the REEF website reef4rusd.org
- “Like” REEF at Facebook.com
- Contact Lauri Byers @ 951-333-7724 or Lauri.byers@reef4rusd.org

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

Only projects with standards-based educational content will be considered.

- Proposals must benefit the students of Riverside Unified School District.
- Projects promoting effective practices focused on increasing student achievement will be given priority.
- Parent and/or community involvement will strengthen a proposal.
- Proposals with potential impact beyond the initial grant period will be favored.
- The goals of the proposal must be consistent with the goals of the District’s instructional program.
- Grants may be used to purchase equipment **ONLY** when these are components of a larger project.
- Proposals for funds to purchase technology hardware such as iPads, computers, document cameras, or projectors are considered “base program”; therefore, proposals for funds to purchase these items will not be considered for funding.
- Grant funds must supplement, not replace, state or local funds.
- Grant funds must be used in the current school year.
- Proposals **MUST** be completed through Google Forms and received by the grant deadline to be considered. The application is accessible online: reef4rusd.org
- If a teacher’s position or school changes, notify the REEF Board of Directors so that the individual grant may be reviewed for implementation purposes.
- Duplicate grants submitted by different teachers will not be accepted. If teachers are working together on a grant, it must be on the same application.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Grant proposals may be partially funded
- A written evaluation (with photographs) is required of all grant recipients following completion of the funded programs. Copies of receipts must be included with the final evaluation, to be submitted no later than June 30, 2027

[CLICK HERE](#) to begin your application.