

GRANT GUIDELINES

The City of Cape Coral Municipal Charter School Foundation offers grants to fund the implementation of classroom and school-wide curricular projects that respond to the specific academic, social, and emotional needs of a student population. Grants are available to fund books, supplies, materials, or any other items that will deepen student engagement and promote active learning. Each application is evaluated by the CCMCSF board members who use a common rubric to assess the grant request.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who should apply for a grant?

Grant applications are welcome from any faculty or staff member within the Cape Coral Municipal Charter Schools. Collaboration across classrooms, grades, and schools is highly encouraged. The application is not intended to be arduous but rather a consistent format to evaluate requests.

What types of projects are funded?

CCMCSF looks to award grants for projects that:

- Are not funded through the School Department budget
- Employ innovative methods or techniques to inform and educate
- Show the most promise of significantly enhancing the educational process
- Have a direct and immediate impact on the largest number of students
- Yield materials or processes that will benefit future students

What types of projects are typically not funded?

CCMCSF grants are not intended to replace or relieve the responsibility for public funding of public education, nor are they intended to provide supplemental funding for normal budget growth and maintenance. Grants are typically not provided for:

- Compensation shortfalls
- Capital improvements
- Equipment purchases that are not part of a specific project
- Extracurricular clubs
- Ongoing maintenance of existing curriculum programs, whether or not those programs were originally funded by a CCMCSF grant

How are proposals evaluated? The CCMCSF Board Members review and evaluate applications closely based on the criteria outlined below. (See CCMCSF Grant Assessment Rubric for more detailed information.) Board members will vote to determine which projects will be awarded funds.

Grant applications should clearly describe the proposed project, with particular emphasis on:

- Evidence of innovation, creativity, and excellence
- Objectives and goals that reflect CCMCSF's mission and vision
- Size of the student population that will benefit from the project
- Expected results and their measurability
- Implementation plan during the current school year that maximizes the potential of the grant

What is the grant application and award process? Complete the grant application, which can be completed and submitted directly on the CCMCSF website at: <https://www.capecharterfoundation.com/>