

- I. Clearly state the project's goal, objectives, and what you are going to do (method).
- II. Relate project to the curriculum and describe how this will enhance or enrich the students' learning experience.
- III. Describe how you will assess the project's success.
- IV. Itemize the expenses and describe additional resources that might be required, if any.

Selection Process

NEF grants must be academic or arts-oriented. We do not fund athletics, social, counseling, or outreach programs (as valuable to education as they are). We do not fund field trips, food, or more than incidental consumable supplies. In general, NEF does not fund consultants or visiting artists/performers unless the direct and on-going benefit to Natick students is so great in relation to his or her compensation.

The following is a guideline used to make decisions for approval and allocation (please review the NEF Grant Proposal Evaluation Criteria for detailed description of the criteria for selection):

- Alignment with and enhancing/enriching the curriculum
- Creativity and innovation
- Number of students impacted should be commensurate with budget
- Potential re-use of program materials; potential student impact (including other grades, schools, or greater community) beyond initial scope
- Clear and realistic budget

Health-related projects should go to The MetroWest Community Healthcare Foundation first (www.mchf.org).

Questions can be submitted to NEFgrants@gmail.com

Funding is generated through membership in Natick Education Foundation, corporate donations, Teacher Tributes, NEF Spelling Bee and NEF Flamingo Flocking.

**NEF Grant Proposal
Evaluation Criteria
(105 Possible Points)**

I. Basic Standards: 50 points, all or nothing.

A successful proposal meets or exceeds all the following standards:

- The project must align with and enhance the curriculum.
- The proposed project's goal, objectives, and methods must be clearly stated and feasible.
- The proposed budget must be clearly justified and realistic for the project's objectives.
- If you are applying for additional funding from other sources, you need to include plans for securing that funding (funding sources and dollar amounts).
- NEF must be the most likely and logical funding source for project (please visit www.natickedfoundation.org for information about NEF's mission and scope of funding). Any health-related proposals should be directed to the MetroWest Community Healthcare Foundation (www.mchcf.org).

II. Written Presentation: up to 10 points.

A well-executed written presentation expresses competence and enthusiasm on the part of the applicants. Application should be clear and complete; goal, methods, and plan to evaluate the success and impact of the project should be logical, plausible, and well explained.

III. Potential benefit: up to 30 points.

- The number of students directly impacted should be commensurate with the project's budget.
- The most successful proposals are those that demonstrate the potential to impact students, educators, and the community beyond its initial scope.
- Extra consideration will be given to proposals that include a plan for the re-use of materials or equipment purchased within the grant.

IV. Merit: up to 10 points.

The most successful proposals are those that enrich and enhance the curriculum while demonstrating creativity, innovation, and originality.

V. Extra Credit: up to 5 points.

Proposals that include a feasible plan for establishing a secondary pool of beneficiaries (e.g., a plan to educate other teachers about learning made possible by purchase; to bring the benefits to other schools, teachers, or the broader community; and to lend or share material, as appropriate) will receive extra credit.

NEF Grant Proposal
Grant Feedback Form
(To be returned at completion of funded project)

Title of Grant: _____

Grant Leader Name: _____

Contact Information (phone/email): _____

Name of School(s) and/or Group(s) _____

Grade(s) Involved and number of students impacted:

Total Amount of Grant: _____

Please attach your responses to the following in no more than one page:

1. Summary of Goal(s)
2. Actual vs. Anticipated Outcome(s) (that is, did the project go as expected?)
3. What were funds used for?
4. How would you do this differently?
5. Feedback for NEF?
6. What was the most positive outcome of this grant?

Please include any photos or Power Point presentations you might have that could be used on our website or in other publicity materials.

May we include your comments on the NEF web site? Yes No

Would you like to present your project to the NEF board? Yes No

Send Grant Feedback via email to NEFGrants@gmail.com