



2025-2026 P-H-M Education Foundation Grants Report

*1 Grant Cycle offered
in the 2025-2026 Academic Year*

To: P-H-M School Board Members

From: 2025-2026 P-H-M Education Grants Committee & the PHMEF Board

Date: December 2, 2025

2025-2026 Grant Summary:

- **Total 2025-2026 Grant Budget - \$75,000**
- Total EZ Grants Requested - \$31,331.10
- Total EZ Grants Approved - \$25,364.25
- Total Traditional Grants Requested - \$54,389.23
- Total Traditional Grants Approved - \$48,369.23
- **Total Grants Awarded: \$73,715.48**

The PHMEF 2025-2026 Grants Committee requests the approval to fund the following EZ form grant requests for \$750 or less:

1. LCD Boards

- Grissom Middle School - Emily Shreve
- LCD writing tablets (reusable)
- **Awarded \$598.85**

2. Classroom Breakout Boxes

- Penn High School - Stephanie Roy-Stover
- Digital Escape Room
- **Awarded \$657.00**

3. Portable Bocce Ball Courts

- Penn High School - Keith Stork
- Portable bocce ball courts for new Unified Sports team
- **Awarded \$609.08**

4. Sea Squad - Making Waves at Disney

- Walt Disney Elementary - Krystal Malone
- Materials for Student Council
- **Awarded \$622.47**

5. **Fidget Filament**

- All PHM Schools - Kyle Marsh
- Materials for 3D Printers for Exceptional Education Students
- ***Awarded \$749.50***

6. **Flag Football for the Future**

- Bittersweet Elementary School - Matt Bodnar
- Flag Football Game Equipment
- ***Awarded \$211.00***

7. **Supporting Madison's Basketball Tradition**

- Madison Elementary School - Stephanie Newcomer
- Basketball Storage Carts
- ***Awarded \$208.30***

8. **Enrichment Time Novel Studies**

- Meadow's Edge Elementary - Amy Mero, Lauren McCarthy, Kate Cox
- Chapter books for 1st grade classrooms
- ***Awarded \$309.35***

9. **Chinese Culture and Literature Study**

- Penn High School - Ming Liu
- Chinese Culture and Literature Books
- ***Awarded \$300.00***

10. **PLTW Supplies (3d printing, middle school modeling)**

- Grissom Middle School - Matthew Tunno
- 3D Printing supplies
- ***Awarded \$750.00***

11. **Engaging Early Learners Through the Foundations Fun Hub**

- Prairie Vista Elementary - Kari James
- Foundations Kindergarten Online Resource
- ***Awarded \$330.00***

12. **Hands On Minds On**

- Walt Disney Elementary - Krystal Malone
- STEM Kits for Kindergarten Classrooms
- ***Awarded \$341.63***

13. **Blooket Plus**

- Penn High School - Melissa Brazeau
- Online Review Game for Spanish Classes/Club
- ***Awarded \$550.00***

14. **Elm Road Art Club**

- Elm Road Elementary - Aubrey Hittle
- After School Art Club
- ***Awarded \$750.00***

15. Soft Start Bins

- Meadow's Edge Elementary - Anne Goralczyk
- Daily Activity Bins for 4th Grade Classroom
- **Awarded \$340.00**

16. 3D Printed Student Support Tools

- Bittersweet Elementary - Laura Cichoracki
- 3D Printer Supplies
- **Awarded \$750.00**

17. Scholastic News Subscription

- Walt Disney Elementary - Jordan Binion
- Annual Subscription to Scholastic News Magazine
- **Awarded \$172.00**

18. Soft Start Mornings in 5th grade

- Mary Frank Elementary - Erin Horvath
- Daily Activity Bins for 5th Grade Classrooms
- **Awarded \$478.93**

19. Positive Postcards

- Grissom Middle School - Elizabeth Marshall
- Personalized Postcards to be Mailed to Every Student
- **Awarded \$750.00**

20. Real-Time Heart Rate Monitoring in Cellular Respiration Labs

- Penn High School - Zackary Lopez
- Heart Rate Monitors for Biology Class
- **Awarded \$350.00**

21. Go Penn Go!

- Penn High School - Alex Dunfee
- Penn Spirit Button Maker
- **Awarded \$723.85**

22. Hand2Mind Science of Reading Toolkit

- Elm Road Elementary - Julie Mattison
- Language Arts Manipulatives/Kit for Kindergarten
- **Awarded \$144.99**

23. Dishwashers for Biology Classrooms

- Penn High School - Sarah Clark
- Countertop Dishwashers for Biology Classrooms
- **Awarded \$639.98**

24. Illuminating Art - Sculptural Ceramic Lamp Design

- Penn High School - Lacey Dilly
- Ceramic Lamp Materials and Lighting Inserts for Sculpture II Class
- **Awarded \$750.00**

25. Fit Lab

- Discovery Middle School - Emily Jenkinson
- Equipment for New Workout Room
- **Awarded \$471.00**

26. Making the Jewelry Room More Inclusive

- Penn High School - Jessica Marsh
- Mobile Jewelry Making Tools for Students
- **Awarded \$750.00**

27. Model United Nations

- Grissom Middle School - Brian Budd
- United Nations Kit for Social Studies Classroom Groups
- **Awarded \$750.00**

28. Yes/No Clickers - Facilitating Communication to Help Students Regulate

- Moran Elementary - Emily Mosby
- Hand Clickers to Help Students Self Regulate Emotions
- **Awarded \$280.00**

29. Say It Write!

- Bittersweet Elementary - Susan Riley
- SpeechBuddy Tool to Enhance Speech Articulation
- **Awarded \$305.00**

30. Amplifying Student Voices: Qball for 4th Grade Engagement & Inclusion

- Meadow's Edge Elementary - Danielle Davidson
- Throwable Wireless Microphone Ball to Enhance Student Participation
- **Awarded \$354.99**

31. Literacy Unit Secondary Tests

- Elm Road Elementary - Julie Mattison
- Secondary Books for Kindergarten
- **Awarded \$744.16**

32. Learning Wrap-Ups

- Elm Road Elementary - Jen Napolitan
- Hands On Learning Tool for Multiplication/Division
- **Awarded \$499.67**

33. Starbuddies Coffee Shop for All

- Discovery Middle School - Carly Hixson
- Supplies for Exceptional Education Student-Run Coffee Shop
- **Awarded \$745.81**

34. Bridging Language Barriers: Enhancing Communication Through AI Translation Technology

- Penn High School - Sarah Hendricks and Wendy Pierce
- Two Pairs AI Glasses to Aid in Language Translation for Parent Conferences
- **Awarded \$700.00**

35. Lights! Camera! iPad, Mini!

- Grissom Middle School - Kristian Verash
- iPad Mini for WGMS News Class
- **Awarded \$700.00**

36. Schmucker Orchestra Project Tune-Up

- Schmucker Middle School - Dorothy Carnall
- Instrument Tuners/Devices
- **Awarded \$731.00**

37. Spherobolt Mats

- Northpoint Elementary - Molly O'Rear
- Mats to Enhance Use of Spherobolt Robots
- **Awarded \$438.00**

38. Care and Confidence

- Grissom Middle School - Sarah Ormsby & Hannah Marko
- Feminine Hygiene Products for Middle School Girls
- **Awarded \$690.00**

39. Light Up Their Minds

- Elm Road Elementary - Sarah Burdue
- Light-Up Table and Manipulates for Preschool Students
- **Awarded \$523.18**

40. Dried for Good

- Penn High School - John Gensic
- Funds Kiln Drying Existing Materials (Wood) for Future Use in Construction Classes
- **Awarded \$325.00**

41. Just Planed Wood

- Penn High School - Evan White
- Small Wood Planing Tool for Construction Class
- **Awarded \$730.00**

42. Walt Disney Dazzler Dance Team

- Walt Disney Elementary - Brianna Vallely
- Dance Team Props
- **Awarded \$441.27**

43. Professional Audio/Video Recordings

- Penn High School - Andrew Nemeth
- Professional Audio/Video Recording Equipment
- **Awarded \$750.00**

44. Positive Postcards

- Discovery Middle School - Nicole Sullivan
- Personalized Postcards to be Mailed to Every Student
- **Awarded \$750.00**

45. Daily Formative Assessment Materials

- Penn High School - Ashlyn Graham
- Individual Student White Boards
- **Awarded \$205.00**

46. Play, Learn, Grow: Refreshing our Learning Centers

- Elm Road Elementary - Sarah Burdue
- Replacement of Preschool Toys
- **Awarded \$175.99**

47. Modern Measures to Maximize Potential

- Penn High School - John Gensic, Matt Cates
- Biometric Impedance Analysis Tools
- **Awarded \$670.00**

Partial Funding

48. Beat the Bell

- Mary Frank Elementary - Christie Heerschop
- Family Engagement Materials to Reduce Student Tardiness
- *Requested \$750*
- **Awarded \$200**

49. Student Dictionary Update

- Bittersweet Elementary - Leah Gerbeth
- Replace Current Outdated Student Dictionaries
- *Requested \$658.50*
- **Awarded \$329.25**

The PHMEF 2025-2026 Grants Committee requests the approval to fund the following Traditional form grant requests:

1. Tune Lab

- Walt Disney Elementary - Charlis Cunningham, Emily Cornett
- 5th grade students
- **Awarded \$2,000.00**
- A program that incorporates STEM learning with Music. The initiative connects mathematical and engineering concepts as students design and build custom musical instruments. The instruments can be played together and will be highlighted in a student showcase.

2. Sprouting Success

- Elsie Rogers Elementary - Christy Campbell, Jodi Cramer-Berry
- All Pre-K through 5th grade students
- **Awarded \$1,765.85**
- Allows for the purchase of a Garden Tower and LED Grow Lights; a vertical, soil-based growing system where students will grow and cultivate vegetables, herbs and flowers. Students can observe plant life cycles, understand the importance of nutrition and learn how food grows from seed to harvest.

3. Tania Bangtsson CPA Haze Machine

- Penn High School - Braden McMillen
- All 9-12th grade students and the PHM Community
- **Awarded \$1,449.98**
- Purchase of a professional-grade haze machine to enhance student learning and production quality. Facilitates a hands-on student experience (with staff guidance/oversight) for classroom learning and public performances. Allows for student interaction with stage lighting to create high-quality atmospheres to enhance production.

4. Kingsmen in Custom Shining Armor

- Penn High School - Stephen Vincent, John Gensic
- All 9-12th grade students
- **Awarded \$1,713.08**
- Collaboration between Principles of Manufacturing, Advanced Manufacturing and Robotics students to produce custom Kingsmen Armor (chainmail articles, shields, helmet, NO swords) that can be worn by student mascots. Additional production of chain nets for outdoor basketball hoops located east of the Educational Services Center.

5. Story Champs AAC Expansion Pack

- All PHM School - Jenna Pacheco
- PHM Students using Augmentative and Alternative Communication, grades K-12
- **Awarded \$2,815.22**
- Expansion Pack for the Story Champs ® curriculum helps educators and clinicians teach academic language to students of all ages and abilities. Develops language, comprehension and social communication stories. Includes 36 stories at two levels.

6. Bittersweet Gathering Grove

- Bittersweet Elementary - Michelle Leniski, Niki Kornrumpf
- K-5th grade students & Penn Science/Building Trade Classes
- **Awarded \$6,500.00**
- A partnership with Penn's Building Trades, Architecture and Civil Engineering Classes to construct and design a 24' x 24' pavilion for the Bittersweet Nature Center. The Center is a fenced, outdoor learning space near Bittersweet and shared by Penn, Schmucker and Bittersweet. The space has been revitalized by local Boy Scouts and a Book Walk project by former students. This project is Phase One in an effort to create an area for an outdoor, sheltered classroom with picnic tables.

7. Northpoint WSTAR Studio

- Northpoint Elementary - Nichol Mondy
- All K-5th grade students
- **Awarded \$1,912.98**
- Funds to modernize/upgrade equipment in the WSTAR broadcasting studio and expand opportunities for students to participate in live news production (via daily newscasts and announcements.) This is a collaborative partnership with Penn High School's Penn News Network broadcasting program and an after school club of elementary students. The partnership will serve as a districtwide model to establish an elementary through high school broadcasting pathway.

8. Establishing a Perceptual Motor Lab

- Walt Disney Elementary - Stephen Govorko
- All K-3rd grade students
- **Awarded \$1,487.13**
- Creates a perceptual motor learning laboratory through a program of carefully sequenced activities designed to enhance children's development of perceptual motor skills that support academic growth. Integrates student thinking and movement which leads to classroom success.

9. Enhancing Elementary PE through Gymnastics

- Horizon Elementary - Dani Snoeyink
- All preschool-5th grade students
- **Awarded \$3,171.99**
- Funds the purchase of gymnastic equipment to strengthen and enrich the physical education curriculum. This equipment supports efforts to build fundamental motor skills, improve balance and coordination, foster teamwork and promote a lifelong love of physical activity for children.

10. Seeing is Achieving

- All PHM Schools - Angela Allen
- All Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Preschool through Young Adult students
- **Awarded \$1,148.00**
- Purchase of a new iPad to provide students with visual access to content in a way that they do not typically experience at school. The iPad would focus on academic needs and foster greater student engagement resulting in expanded literacy development and academic growth.

11. Becoming an Orff Classroom

- Madison Elementary - Katelyn Lockwood
- All Pre-K-5th grade students
- **Awarded \$1,929.00**
- Funds to purchase a classroom set of (Orff) barred percussion instruments including three soprano xylophones and one alto glockenspiel. Allows students to play together versus sharing instruments to explore melodies, harmonies/enhance creative, musical instruction for students.

12. Graphing Finite Math for Infinite Human Flourishing

- Penn High School - Angela Yarrell, John Gensic
- 11th-12th grade students
- **Awarded \$2,560.00**
- Funds to purchase new graphing calculators to allow students to focus on financial literacy and forecasting. Students can compare compound interest, annuities, mutual funds, stocks and more. Additionally, students will use calculators to model increased use of electricity in the region due to data centers and population growth. Grant allows for all students to have access to the same tools in classrooms.

13. Wisdom Across Generations

- Penn High School - John Gensic, Angela Yarrell, Corin Sailor, Sarah Dwigans, Danielle Black
- All 9th-12th grade students
- **Awarded \$1,175.00**
- Purchase of 25 books, 5 of each author for 5 different classrooms. Books promote inspirational leadership and real life experience wisdom from outside sources. Allows for students who complete work early, to stay engaged and off digital devices. Books include: *Wooden: A Lifetime of Observations and Reflections On and Off the Court*, *The Keys: DJ Khaled*, *That's What She*

Said: Wise Words from Influential Women and Great Quotes from Great Leaders: Peggy Anderson.

14. Shaping Future Minds

- Penn High School - Scott Shelhart, John Gensic
- 9th-12th grade Manufacturing students
- **Awarded \$2,599.00**
- Purchase of a 3D Printer with laser engraving technology. Allows all students enrolled in Manufacturing to have the same technological printing level experience as the Robotics students while continuing to learn the importance of manufacturing through student projects.

15. Moran Elementary School Musical Production and Projection System

- Moran Elementary School - Laura Scott, Jessie Kinney
- All K-5th grade students and PHM community
- **Awarded \$6,142.00**
- Purchase and installation of a professional grade projection system and supporting technical equipment. Will engage students as they participate in musicals through performance or as a part of the “tech crew.” Musical performances provide an opportunity for students to increase confidence and communication skills. This equipment would enhance students’ storytelling and technical experiences for *Finding Nemo, Jr.* and future productions.

16. Penn HS Digital and Legacy Recognition Wall

- Penn High School - Josiah Parker
- All 9th-12th grade students and alumni
- **Awarded \$10,000.00**
- Allows for the creation of a Digital Alumni Recognition Wall to preserve, celebrate and expand access to past/current student achievement. Will feature two touchscreen TVs to explore digitized photos, trophies and historic memorabilia that are currently in storage due to limited display space. The Wall will highlight the prestigious Schmucker Award and Kingsmen Award as well as past honorees. The Wall will be created and maintained collaboratively by students in Computer Science, Graphic Design, Interior Design and Architecture, Yearbook and Photography classes.