

PVSD Foundation FAQs

#1: Q. Is it hard to get a grant?

A. Not at all. Just follow these easy steps.

Step 1: Run your idea by Laura Strausser via email at lstrausser@pvsd.org.

Step 2: Complete the grant application form.

Step 3: Meet with your principal to discuss your application and to obtain his/her signature.

Step 4: Send the completed application to Laura Strausser at District Office

Step 5: Wait for the PVSD Foundation Board to review your grant

#2: Q. Are there things that the PVSD Foundation won't grant?

A. Generally speaking the PVSD Foundation **will not** make grants for the following:

- Teacher stipends/scholarships
- Field trips to take place during the school day
- Scholarships/grants for individual students
- Money to support clubs that are not tied to the school curriculum in a direct way
- Items/programs that can be funded through the regular school budget (if you are not sure about this, check with your building principal)
- Items that require school board approval such as construction projects or new courses (if the school board grants approval the Foundation may provide the funding)
- Repeat projects (there are some exceptions to this - check with Laura Strausser)

#3: Q. What types of things will the Foundation fund?

A. The Foundation seeks to fund innovative, creative and exciting programs for students. We will provide money for supplies, equipment, technology, speakers, cultural activities, etc. The Foundation always likes to see as many students benefit from a grant as possible. Check out our list of grants to get an idea of the types of programs that have been funded in the past.

#4: Q. How much money can I ask for?

A. How much do you need? Foundation grants typically range between \$100 and \$1,000.

However, for exceptional projects that will benefit large numbers of students in a significant way the Foundation will consider grants exceeding \$1,000. The Foundation has made grants of \$5,000+ to projects in the past. The key is to present a detailed budget and convince the Foundation Board that the grant money will be providing PV students with an exceptional learning opportunity that would not be possible otherwise.

#5: Q. Who runs the Foundation and how is it funded?

A. The Foundation is run by a Board of Directors. There may be as many as 25 Directors and they are primarily parents and members of the community. There is a permanent seat on the Foundation Board for the president of PVEA, the president of the school board, the Superintendent, Business Manager and Assistant Superintendent all of the rest of the seats are filled by community members. Currently, Laura Strausser is contracted by the Foundation as its Executive Director.

The Foundation is a 501©3 organization and obtains all of its money through fund raising efforts.