



Foundation Grants Awarded in the Spring of 2024

With community support, the Forest Hills Public Schools Foundation helps fund excellence in education by supporting identified needs of the school district. The FHPS Foundation helps support key educational initiatives that are vital in equipping students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to build meaningful and productive lives. Together with our community, we are cultivating possibility, enriching our educational system, and building a strong future. The Foundation's board of trustees provides governance and oversight to grant proposals, Foundation initiatives, and much more. It is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization registered in the State of Michigan. The Foundation awards individual staff grants two times each year, once during the fall and another during the spring. Listed below are the Spring 2024 awarded grants, totaling just over \$130,500. For more information about the Foundation, visit www.fhpsf.org.

Grant Recipient	School or Building	Project Name/Description	Approved Amount
Elizabeth Lockwood	Ada Vista Elementary	<u>Empowering Language Learning: Enriching Spanish Immersion Classrooms with Diverse and Engaging Spanish Books</u> - Purchase of books to support their classroom libraries in 4th grade at Ada Vista.	\$ 4,000.00
Laura Schuler	Ada Vista Elementary	<u>PRIDE Pup - Ada Vista</u> - School has already paid a down payment, they are asking for the remaining balance of their puppy.	\$ 5,500.00
Lyndsey Burghardt	Ada Vista Elementary	<u>Relatable Realistic Fiction</u> - Purchase of a variety of realistic fiction books, or books with stories that resemble real life relatable characters.	\$ 2,388.00

Tracy Salton	Ada Vista Elementary	<u>Science Read Alouds</u> - Purchase of read aloud books that cover each of the earth, physical and life science units. One set for each of four 2nd grade teachers.	\$ 4,245.00
Sara Zietz	All 7-12 Schools Districtwide	<u>Cover One Book Repair System</u> - Purchase of a Cover One book repair machine for each middle and high school media center in the district. (all elementary schools purchased them last year through a foundation grant).	\$ 5,053.00
Sara Zietz	All K-5 Media Centers	<u>Hands-on Materials for Media Centers</u> - Purchase of puzzles, magna-tiles, buildzi blocks, Legos, keva planks, snap circuits, Rubik's cubes, coloring posters, and/or simple robotics.	\$ 4,500.00
Kristy Butler	Central High School	<u>Sustainable Student Collaboration</u> - Purchase of chart paper that is dry erase so that students can collaborate together and post their thinking in a way that can easily be displayed in classrooms.	\$ 655.00
Jaye Jelier, Soo Schab	Central High School	<u>Display Rack for Our Michigan Books Collection</u> - Purchase of a 6-shelf display unit.	\$ 740.00
Chad Scholten	Central High School	<u>Artificial Intelligence and Biomechanics</u> - Purchase of a robot dog that uses laser detection and ranging to map its surroundings and navigate around obstacles when programmed.	\$ 2,249.00
Carlos Silvestre	Central High School	<u>Authentic Reading Material for Upper Level Spanish</u> - Purchase of literature and novels that are written by native speakers for native speakers.	\$ 722.00
Grace Stynes	Central High School	<u>Spinning Creativity: Empowering Artistic Minds with New Pottery Wheels</u> - Purchase of 8 new Shimpo VL Whisper pottery wheels and stools to replace old ones.	\$ 13,000.00
Kate Martus	Central Middle School	<u>Central Middle School Cameras</u> - Purchase of a new set of 16 DSLR cameras to replace outdated cameras reaching their end of life.	\$ 6,879.00
Aubree Hartrict, Rose Finelli	Central Middle School	<u>Ranger Den</u> - Student Success Space - Purchase of gaming monitor, Uno game, Jumbo connect 4, Air hockey table, Pac-Man arcade game, ping pong table and a foosball table.	\$ 4,186.00
Avery Barry, Dave Albert	Central Middle School	<u>Freeze-Dryer</u> - Purchase of a Harvest Right Freeze Dryer and supplies to keep freezer dried products good for an extended period.	\$ 4,186.00

Tim Rogers	Central Middle School	<u>CMS Strength and Conditioning Timing Equipment</u> - Purchase of up to date timing equipment for the PE classes and weight lifting and fitness for life classes at CMS.	\$ 8,000.00
Mikayla Eshleman, Kelly Wade, Cheryl Martin	Collins Elementary	<u>Yoto Audio Player to Promote Literacy</u> - Purchase of 9 Yoto audio players and card packs for Kindergarten.	\$ 1,309.00
Melissa Morley, Nicole Deckrow	Eastern High School	<u>Cultivating Connections: Fostering Connectivity through Innovative Engagement</u> - Purchase of 3 large (4 foot) size connect 4 games and 10 pack of spike ball sets. Used for Hawk Team program.	\$ 960.00
Emma Flynn, Mikayla Weston	Eastern Middle School	<u>Special Education Tool Kit</u> - Purchase of resources for students in special education who have individual education programs such as calculators, whiteboards, reader pens and headphones.	\$ 1,300.00
Shelby Horne, Torri White, Ted Czarnecki	Eastern Middle School	<u>Learning Through Games: Math & Science</u> - Purchase of card/board games that specifically support the content being taught in our science and math curriculum.	\$ 1,255.00
Emma Pritt	Eastern Middle School	<u>Sensory Needs/Equipment for ASD Students</u> - Purchase of sensory equipment for the ASD students at EMS.	\$ 6,000.00
Jason Yelding, Kristine Yelding	Goodwille/Eastern Middle School	<u>Ozobot Evo Classroom Kit</u> - Purchase of two Ozobot Evo Classroom Kits. This supports a previous D.R.E.A.M Project grant that the foundation funded last fall.	\$ 6,000.00
Kali Ley	Knapp Forest Elementary	<u>Audio Promotes Literacy</u> - Purchase of 4 Tonieboxes, one for each kindergarten class as well as a headphone splitter for each box.	\$ 672.00
Antonio Boggiano	Knapp Forest Elementary	<u>PE Inclusive Scooter Boards & Storage Racks</u> - Purchase of 32 Scooter boards and two scooter racks.	\$ 1,648.00
Judi Stroh	Knapp Forest Elementary	<u>Making a Difference with Ukuleles</u> - Purchase of a class set of 30 ukuleles and a storage cart.	\$ 3,018.00
Beth Ewing	Knapp Forest Elementary	<u>Microscopes for K-2 Students</u> - Purchase of 45 new microscopes with 7 inch LCD screens for each K-2 grade.	\$ 4,293.00

Erin Narducci	Knapp Forest Elementary	<u>Knapp Forest Second Grade "Books with Buddies" Book Club Sets</u> - Purchase of multiple copies of a variety of new, engaging texts that students can read together in book clubs.	\$ 1,127.00
Lisa Roedel	Knapp Forest	<u>Forest Hills PRIDE Pup - Knapp Forest</u> - School has already paid a down payment, they are asking for the remaining balance of their puppy.	\$ 5,500.00
Jackie DeWit, Carey Soda, Leslie Overway	Meadow Brook Elementary	<u>Kindergarten Toniebox Audio Players</u> - Purchase of Tonies Audio Play Book starter packs (one for each class section in Kindergarten with audio books for each classroom) containing one listening box and additional "books" that accompany the box.	\$ 925.00
Leslie Overway	Meadow Brook Elementary	<u>Growing Readers: Nurturing Curiosity Through Non-Fiction Texts</u> - Purchase of nonfiction informational texts for the kindergarten classrooms.	\$ 515.00
Jackie Schoon	Meadow Brook Elementary	<u>Harmonizing Futures: Empowering Elementary Minds Through Music Education</u> - Purchase of mp3 players for an elementary school music class.	\$ 349.00
Alyssa Abrams	Meadow Brook Elementary	<u>Genre-Inclusive Book Clubs</u> - Purchase of diverse books for novel studies from a variety of genres.	\$ 4,932.00
Michele DeVries	Meadow Brook Elementary	<u>Music Supplies for Adaptive Music (Special Needs Music Class)</u> - Purchase of music supplies to enhance the music curriculum for the special needs students.	\$ 200.00
Nick Biondo	Northern Hills Middle School	<u>Northern Hills Spikeball and Misc. Games Request</u> - Purchase of new equipment to help broaden students experiences in physical education.	\$ 2,500.00
Sergio Lopez	Northern Trails 5/6	<u>Drum Circles</u> - Purchase of percussion instruments such as drums and hand percussion for all 5th and 6th graders to use in drum circles.	\$ 4,675.00
Erica Czarnecki	Northern Trails 5/6	<u>Yoto Players</u> - Purchase of 9 Yoto players which are a screen free option that allows students in the cognitive impaired program (K-6) to explore the world around them through books, songs and stories.	\$ 2,422.00
Courtney Douglas	Orchard View Elementary	<u>Choice Based Art Centers and Interdisciplinary Comics</u> - Purchase of constructions toys and how-to-draw books to create a collection of choice based art centers.	\$ 898.00

Kim Grabowski	Orchard View Elementary	<u>STEM-based Enrichment Materials for First Graders</u> - Purchase of enrichment materials such as magnetiles, Legos, clay, stem challenge cards, rock science kit, plank and puzzle games, etc.	\$ 2,500.00
Christina Mendoza	Orchard View Elementary	<u>Forest Hills PRIDE Pup</u> - School has already paid a down payment, they are asking for the remaining balance of their puppy.	\$ 6,500.00
Joel Klamer	Orchard View Elementary	<u>Guitar for Orchard View</u> - Purchase of a school owned guitar for leading classroom singing.	\$ 510.00
Megan Bilinsky, Laura Morin, Taylor Clegg, Elyse Pell	Thornapple Elementary	<u>Nonfiction Texts Sets for First Grade</u> - Purchase of nonfiction book sets for all of first grade.	\$ 912.00
Jenna McCuaig, Erin Gauthier, Katie Sobecki	Transition Center	<u>Coffee Cart and Café</u> - Purchase of initial startup tools/equipment to run a coffee cart/cafe business.	\$ 5,000.00
		<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$130,578.00</u>