



## Foundation Grants Awarded in the Spring of 2026

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 17 Spring 2026 awarded grants, totaling over \$133,000. For more information about the Foundation, visit [www.fhpsf.org](http://www.fhpsf.org).

| Grant Recipient | School or Building       | Project Name/Description   | Approved Amount |
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| Jenn Gregory    | Ada Vista Elementary     | <b><u>Paintbrushes for Art Students at Ada Vista</u></b> - Purchase of new durable paintbrushes.   | \$387.00        |
| Tara Steele     | All Elementary Buildings | <b><u>Grow Your Gifted Game</u></b> - Purchase of additional puzzles, games, and enrichment materials for 50 gifted cluster teachers across the district.                              | \$2,500.00      |
| Sara Zietz      | All Elementary Buildings | <b><u>Presidential Biographies</u></b> - Purchase of two different sets of Presidential biographies, one for every K-4 library and one for every 5-6 library.                          | \$12,301.00     |
| Jon Haga        | All High Schools         | <b><u>High-Fidelity Patient Simulation for HCA</u></b> - Purchase of a high-fidelity Adult patient simulator (SimMan) to serve as the centerpiece of its Health Career Simulation Lab. | \$14,542.00     |

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| Alexandra Webster           | All High Schools       | <b><u>Health Career Simulation Lab</u></b> - Purchase of materials to create a Health Career Simulation Lab such as IV training arms, trauma bleeding arm/leg trainers, injection practice pads, stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, thermometers, pulse oximeter, hospital beds, vital signs monitors, etc.. | \$21,320.00     |
| Christina Otten             | All Schools            | <b><u>Listen to Learn Lending Library: Translation Support</u></b> - Purchase of 75 Airpod sets, five sets for each of the 15 schools for use by the Multilingual Learners.   | \$13,425.00     |
| Tim Rogers, Paige Hallock   | Central High School    | <b><u>Applied Human Performance Lab: Preparing Future Health Professionals Through Experiential Learning</u></b> - Purchase of resistance bands, medicine balls, timer and a band holder.   | \$2,379.00      |
| Kristy Butler               | Central High School    | <b><u>Brilliant Biotech</u></b> - Purchase of electrophoresis machines for a real-world biotechnology labs learning new skills related to micropipetting, PCR and gel electrophoresis.  | \$5,947.00      |
| Kristin O'Brien, Jared Lowe | Central High School    | <b><u>Central High School Business Lab</u></b> - Purchase of tools such as 3D printer, Cricut Maker, Cricut Venture, Dual Laser Engraver, Heat Press Machine and Printer.   | \$8,179.00      |
| Betsy Peterson              | Central Middle School  | <b><u>Empowering Struggling Readers with Text-to Speech Assistive Technology</u></b> - Purchase of 25 text-to-speech assistive technology pens to support students with dyslexia and other reading difficulties.  | \$9,292.00      |
| Stephanie Braun             | Eastern High School    | <b><u>FHE HS Café</u></b> - Purchase of startup tools/equipment to open a coffee cart/café that the Autism program would run.   | \$3,300.00      |
| Sean Duffie                 | Northern High School   | <b><u>Diversifying Entrepreneurship at the Shirt Shop</u></b> - Purchase of a pro package consisting of a DTF Printer with ink, large-form heat press, transfer film, maintenance kit, powder adhesive kit, stencils and sizers, and ink cleaner for longer life.   | \$3,198.00      |
| Bill Curtis                 | Northern High School   | <b><u>Snowboard Gear for Gone Boarding Program</u></b> - Purchase of 45 snowboards, boots, and bindings.  | \$24,000.00     |
| David Simpson               | Northern Middle School | <b><u>Play. Connect. Belong</u></b> - Purchase of 3 foosball tables for the cafeteria and student common areas.   | \$3,725.00      |

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| Jen Feeny         | Northern Middle School                     | <b><u>NHMS Non-Fiction Refresh</u></b> - Purchase of 231 nonfiction books to refresh the media center.  | \$4,982.00                 |
| Karen Erander     | Northern Trails 5/6                        | <b><u>All Kids Need Sensory Support</u></b> - Purchase of sensory and Movement-based tools to help students stay calm such as weighted vests, sensory rocker, spinning chair, wobble board, giant connect 4, sensory tiles, spinning bike and a swing frame with pod. | \$2000.00                  |
| Lydia Kuyvenhoven | Northern Trails 5/6, Central Woodlands 5/6 | <b><u>Facts that Fuel Learning</u></b> - Purchase of high-interest, age appropriate nonfiction book collections at NT and CW that support what students are learning in class.  | \$2,444.00                 |
|                   |  | <b><u>Total:</u></b>  | <b><u>\$133,921.00</u></b> |