



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: _____

Superintendent: David Holmes

Administrator/Staff: Pendleton

Type of Item: Informational Action

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

We are asking permission to award 11 grants to school teachers in the Josephine County. All funding for the grants will be paid for by the JCF account at Hidden Valley.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

List the advantages of your proposal:

Award 11 different grants around our county.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

None

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

None

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No

School

Allen Dale
 Fruit
 LB
 GPHS
 GPHS
 HVHS
 HV/NV/IV
 LSMS
 NV
 HV
 South Middle

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Project Name		Amount
Cromebooks		\$1,000
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Ceramics Club		\$1,000
Cariovascular Fitness		\$1,000
LifeSkills Garden Center		\$1,000
Higher Reach for 1 st generation college students		\$1,000
Adobe Flash		1300
Equiptment Investment		\$908.43
CPR Training		\$1,000.00
Bring "A Bazaar Folk Music Show"		\$792

\$11,000

Description
Purchase computers for classrooms
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After school program of Ceramics
Purchase 30 heart rate monitors
Garden for mentally disabled to grow plants ect.
Take students on college tours
Purchase software
In need of a projector and mount for band classroom
Bring a music show to their school



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Josephine County, OR is an economically and socially depressed community with unusually high unemployment and low high school graduation rates. In 2011, guided by experienced teachers and community leaders, students at Hidden Valley High School in Grants Pass formed the Josephine County Foundation (JCF) with the vision of transforming the standard of living in Josephine County so that it becomes one of the top counties in Oregon. JCF now has students in all high schools in Josephine County. JCF is an innovative organization with life-changing objectives. JCF's goals are to:

- Create the next generation of philanthropists by teaching students about philanthropy and non-profits
- Have students develop and participate in projects that improve the quality of life in their community
- Teach students valuable leadership skills by managing and operating a non-profit business
- Teach students to do grant-writing and fundraising for their community service projects
- Meet businesses/potential leaders to discuss community needs, exposing students to their potential career option

With your support, you have the potential to not only give back to your community, but to help give students in Josephine County the resources to improve lives of others and their own.



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2014-2015 PROJECTS

BACKPACK PROJECT - The Josephine County Foundation has joined forces with the Unitarian Universalists of Grants Pass and the Future Business Leaders of America to provide backpacks for homeless teens within the Josephine County community. High school students have created project H.E.A.R.T. - Helping Empower At-Risk Teens - in collaboration with the Unitarian Fellowship with the shared goal of packing and distributing backpack containing needed and essential supplies to at risk teens.

These backpacks are filled with needed school supplies, hygiene items, and other items to add to a teen's comfort and well-being. Each backpack costs around \$100 to be filled and we hope to continue raising funds in order to keep this project going in future years to come. With these new partnerships with businesses and programs, all organizations will be able to provide even more community assistance to this great cause.

BUSINESS BOOTCAMP - Business Bootcamp is a 6 week program for leadership students in Josephine County middle schools. The bootcamp covered a different subject each week including: speaking skills, presentations on local jobs, nonprofits, grants, and a work day to work on their own grant application.

During the sixth week the students participate in a grant competition judged by local business leaders (last year's judges included Steve Roe—Roe Motors, Chris Triglea—Dutch Bros., and Betty Moran—Rogue Credit Union). This competition includes two speeches and two written applications- one application for the non-profit they represent and another for a school project they wanted to fund. The overall goal is to teach youth the importance of financial literacy and philanthropy

PROJECT FIRE - An idea sparked by the major wildfires that destroyed over 70,000 acres of Southern Oregon last summer, JCF high school students have found a way to award \$35,060 to their local Fire Departments in Josephine County.

Through online resources and meetings with all Josephine County Fire Departments, the students decided the best way to assist the firefighters would be to write grants towards funding for equipment. This way, students in the community would get the experience of learning about philanthropy with the benefits of bringing outside/new funds into Josephine County.

The students set a 2 year goal of raising \$60,000 for their community's fire safety equipment. Within this first year, these high school students were able to raise \$35,060 of their goal in grant money for the fire departments.

TEACHER'S GRANT - The Josephine County Foundation has secured \$10,000 to facilitate a grant program for teachers in Josephine County. Our goal is to fund ten \$1,000 projects but applicants can apply for more not exceeding \$2,500.

The purpose of these grants is to support teachers in their efforts to make education more meaningful to students in Josephine County and to enhance and improve teaching skills for the betterment of students. If students are hopeful about their future they will complete the education necessary to reach it, overall enriching the Josephine County community.

VISION CLINIC - The Josephine County Foundation (JCF)'s third annual vision clinic is going to be hosted at North Valley High School in Merlin, Oregon on January 17th, 2015. The vision clinic will be primarily student-run with about forty students from North Valley High School, Hidden Valley High School, and other JCF students volunteering.

This year JCF's goal is to provide 200 pairs (double the amount from previous years) of prescription glasses for those within Josephine County who are unable to financially afford these life-altering resources.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY FOUNDATION - This non-profit organization donates its funds towards projects and scholarships for students who dedicate themselves to our community. If you are interested in contributing to the Josephine County Foundation as a whole, then your funds will be used to help pay for planning and implementation of the above projects and more.