

Manor Independent School District

Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item

December 13, 2021

INFORMATION ITEM SHEET

RE: Manor Schoolhouse Foundation Innovative Funding

District Goals*:

Goal 3: COMMUNITY & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT- By 2026, Manor ISD will collaboratively engage in opportunities with 100% of families, as well as new and existing community partners.

Goal 4: EQUITY & INNOVATION- By 2026, 100% of Manor ISD scholars, staff, campuses, and school communities will have equitable access to innovative academic, human, financial, capital, technological, and all

Background Information:

Thanks to generous investors, the Manor Schoolhouse Foundation will be awarding 34 **Manor Innovator Grants** in the amount of **\$36,000** to deserving Manor ISD employees on December 15 and 16, 2021.

Manor Innovator Grants are designed to encourage, facilitate, recognize and reward innovative and creative instructional approaches in the district. The Manor Schoolhouse Foundation offered educators and staff the opportunity to apply for competitive grants to support innovative programs or projects at higher levels of student learning. Following the grant submission deadline, a foundation subcommittee reviewed and scored 77 grants, and 34 proposals that rose to the top will be awarded.

In addition, the foundation will award six **Opportunity Grants** in the amount of **\$30,000** to six campuses in January 2022.

The foundation will provide financial support to six Manor ISD campuses that were identified by the Superintendent and the Cabinet as needing increased funding to advance initiatives aimed at improving students' academic performance or another district priority. The selected campus are as follows: Decker Elementary, Oak Meadows Elementary, Manor Excel Academy, Manor Middle School, Manor High School, and Manor Senior High

MSF funding will be used to support initiatives on campus that are insufficiently funded or cannot be funded by other sources. The funding is intended to support planned efforts to improve students' academic performance or advance another district priority.

The campus principals completed and submitted grant applications that will be reviewed by the MSF Program Committee. Once approved, each campus will receive \$5,000 to implement the projects.

Administrative Recommendation:

The foundation welcomes the Manor ISD Board's participation when we distribute the checks to these innovators.

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Approved by Superintendent