



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

**Board Meeting Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Superintendent:** David Holmes

**Administrator/Staff:** Chris Pendleton, Hidden Valley High

**Type of Item:**      *Informational*      *Action*

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

Hidden Valley High School's Josephine County Foundation received an award letter from the Ford Family Foundation for a three-year grant of \$150,000. The grant will pay out \$50,000 each year to the foundation. JCF is asking for approval of the grant by the School Board. See attached documents to see the details of the grant.

**Provide history/background information on your proposal:**

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 is now operated through high school students throughout all of Josephine County, including Grants Pass High School, Hidden Valley High School, Illinois Valley High School, New Hope Christian School, and North Valley High School. The Josephine County Foundation 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

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

The grant money will be used in several ways:

- Hire staff members to achieve the above goals set forth by the Josephine County Foundation. The design and training of the educational standards set by JCF will help develop students business skills and develop strong community ties to the community in a whole.
- Develop new website
- Complete the 501c3 application process
- Pay for Student-Led Projects
- Pay stipends for teachers at the schools involved in helping with JCF

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

None. The money will be in the Three Rivers School District account for year one of the grant, while the remaining two years the money will be given to the Josephine County Foundation, which has an account at a local bank for business purposes.

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

No alternatives

**Superintendent's recommendation(s):**

**Approve:**    Yes     No

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