



***Tahoe Truckee Excellence in Education Foundation's  
Spring 2022 Grants - Funded \$118,010  
(SELS received \$7,684 for a district total of \$125,694)***

**Donner Trail Elementary - \$13,384**

Versatiles for Differentiated Instruction K-5 for Literacy and Math– Ashley Perkins

Grant funds Versatiles, which are hands-on practice sets with a self-checking answer system. These sets support each grade level for students' independent and differentiated learning activities.

*Fully Fund \$4,650*

PE Equipment: Deluxe PE Pack with Cart and Toss and Catch Pack– Holly Williamson

Grant funds a variety of sports equipment, a durable mobile cart with all-terrain wheels, and a swivel caster to transport and access equipment easily.

*Fully Fund \$2,550*

Content-Based Books– Erica Stukey Allstad

Grant funds content-based books with rich images and multiple text features for various reading levels. They blend the nonfiction reading standards with history, social skills, math/science, and geography.

*Fully Fund \$1,248*

Art Materials for Donner Trail– Ashley Perkins

Grant funds the purchase of two art drying racks for each classroom hallway at Donner Trail. Teachers at Donner Trail incorporate weekly art projects that connect across the curriculum.

*Fully Fund \$494*

Mathematic Manipulation– Erica Stukey Allstad

Grant funds Math Toys Multiplication Pop It Fidget and Kingmall Rainbow Squares manipulatives. These manipulatives will help students understand concepts that are often hard to draw or visualize.

*Fully Fund \$728*

Portable Gaga2G Ball Pit – Holly Williamson

Grant funds a portable pit (20' diameter) that allows for extra space for movement indoors and outdoors during conditions on the summit. Students can play in grade level scenarios during designated PE stations and with multiple grade levels at recess.

*Fully Fund \$1,800*

Looms for Social Studies Connections in the Yuba Room – Ashley Perkins

Grant funds wooden weaving looms and basket weaving kits for the fourth and fifth-grade students at Donner Trail. The art and skills of weaving use natural resources and help students learn about indigenous culture.

*Fully Fund \$620*

Second and Third Grade NGSS Science Smart Garden 3 – Erica Stukey Allstadt

Grant funds a Smart Garden 3 Hydroponics growing system that is developmentally appropriate. This grant will allow students to actively participate in NGSS standards dealing with plants, life cycles, and changes over time.

*Fully Fund \$870*

Materials for STEM Learning – Ashley Perkins

Grant funds Snap Circuit and Wind Turbine sets to aid energy studies. The Snap Circuit electronic kits and Wind Turbine sets are for students to use independently and in small groups in the science lab.

*Fully Fund \$424*

**Kings Beach Elementary – \$13,970**

Two-Way Immersion (TWI) 5th-Grade Student Friendly Library and ELA Alignment– Katie Sluiter

Grant allows 5th-grade teachers to build student-friendly libraries that cater to all reading levels and align guided reading and mentor texts across the 5th-grade TWI program.

*Fully Fund \$1,363*

Living History Day Kings Beach Elementary – Jamie Schwartz

Grant funds items for the California Living History Day, which is the culmination of a yearlong social studies curriculum based on California history, pioneers, and the Gold Rush. The students participate in seven hands-on stations.

*Fully Fund \$405*

KBE Literacy Needs– Julie Otis

Grant funds updated supplemental reading materials focusing primarily on classroom-guided reading books and accompanying take-home materials.

*Fully Fund \$9,702*

KBE STEAM LEGO Education– Paula Bossler

Grant funds LEGO Education BricQ Motion Kits and the LEGO Education SPIKE Kits. These materials support an explorative learning curriculum and provide a sustainable way to enhance the STEAM programming at Kings Beach Elementary.

*Fully Fund \$2,500*

**Glenshire Elementary - \$917**

ReadNaturally Live– Helen Moore

Grant funds a web-based reading program targeting struggling readers. This grant benefits students by increasing their motivation to read and helps them develop the necessary basic reading skills to become better readers.

*Fully Fund \$917*

## **Tahoe Lake Elementary - \$17,130**

### Update Tahoe Lake Elementary Book Room Reading Circle Sets - Adelaide Gramanz

Grant funds the purchase of new book sets for small group instruction reading at Tahoe Lake Elementary. Due to COVID and many moves, the inventory of books has decreased. These books replace outdated titles and add some higher-level readers now that the 5<sup>th</sup> grade has returned to Tahoe Lake Elementary.

*Fully Fund \$7,911*

### Farmstand Hydroponic Grow Towers– Ingrid Bourke

Grant funds three hydroponic grow towers. Learning about plant life cycles is a standard across most elementary grade curricula, and these towers will engage all students.

*Fully Fund \$4,992*

### 4th Grade Indigenous Feast and Festival/Living History– Judi Scoville

Grant funds materials for the indigenous feast and festival each fall. Students learn all about the indigenous tribes of California, and the indigenous feast activities connect with social studies standards.

*Fully Fund \$1,600*

### Extra PE Equipment– Jennifer McMaster

Grant funds additional PE equipment that helps with hand-eye coordination, confidence, and core strength.

*Fully Fund \$1,300*

### Mystery Science Packs– Renee Lewis

Grant funds science materials and supplies for NGSS-aligned units.

*Fully Fund \$858*

### Tie Dye– Allison Everist

Grant funds an art project that benefits all students and targets Social and Emotional Learning (SEL). This project has become a tradition for 3rd-grade students, who wear the shirts on field trips and end-of-year activities.

*Fully Fund \$141*

### Scholastic News 3: 2022-2023 School Year– Ingrid Bourke

Grant funds Scholastic News, a subscription to a high-interest current event periodical written at an appropriate reading level for third graders to support the Reading Informational Text standards.

*Fully Fund \$328*

## **Truckee Elementary - \$24,020**

### Decodable Readers for Kindergarteners – Kim Kregel

Grant funds four class sets of the Geodes Level K decodable readers. These readers help with reading fluency and continued reading growth and success.

*Fully Fund \$12,665*

FlipFORM Risers: Essential tools for teaching music performance decorum – Owen McIntosh

Grant funds the purchase of five- FlipFORM risers for an array of classroom and school performance applications. These risers will benefit nearly every Truckee Elementary School student and enhance the music enrichment curriculum.

*Fully Fund \$5,916*

Fourth Grade Living History Experience- Caroline Piper

Grant funds materials for California Living History Day, where students experience activity stations that closely simulate the life of a pioneer of the mid-1800s. Students will rotate through the ten stations, creating objects at each station.

*Fully Fund \$564*

Scholastic "Let's Find Out" Weekly Readers with Science Spin Component– Betsy Depew

Grant funds Weekly newspapers covering social studies, science, and current events to enhance the ELD program. The topics all correlate to what is taught in kindergarten.

*Fully Fund \$873*

Clay for Classrooms – Stephanie Blume

Grant funds the clay for pottery instruction during school and in the before and after school programs.

*Fully Fund \$517*

Fourth Grade Classroom Library Infusion– Caroline Piper

Grant funds new books for refreshing a classroom library for students. The funds will provide lower-level nonfiction books and diversity in titles.

*Fully Fund \$985*

Early Learning Music and Movement– Cindy Maciel

Grant funds a music library for the preschoolers with sturdy musical instruments and activities to enhance movement in spatial awareness. Music and movement improve fine and large motor skills and provide a safe space for social-emotional development and an ability to connect.

*Fully Fund \$2,500*

**Alder Creek Middle School - \$12,674**

ACMS Band Program Instruments– Natalia Tomasello

Grant funds 23 musical instruments for the middle school music program.

*Partial Fund \$11,634 of \$23,268. TTUSD will match \$11,634 from the Musical Instrument Replacement Fund.*

Creating a Civilization– Christine Smart

Grant funds a game that is a fun, engaging, and academic way to teach ancient civilizations, probability, and sportsmanship. Students will move from learning about ancient cultures to creating civilizations on the game board.

*Fully Fund \$440*

Hands-on Math! – Heidi Pruett

Grant funds manipulatives that bring the 8th-grade mathematics standards to life. This grant expands an existing set of favorite materials in the math classroom. Hands-on math experiences are a proven portal to engage students in successful and lasting positive math experiences.

*Fully Fund \$600*

**North Tahoe School - \$6,110**

STEAMing Up with Legos – Heidi Bushway Verkler

Grant funds 12 LEGO Lego Education SPIKE Prime sets and 12 Lego Education BricQ Motion Prime sets. This grant will support the robotics program at NTS.

*Fully Fund \$6,110*

**North Tahoe High School - \$9,465**

Sports Medicine Classroom Essentials– Hana Lamb

Grant funds the materials needed for the new Sports Medicine CTE course at North Tahoe High School.

*Fully Fund \$3,219*

Novel NSF research collaboration for DNA sequencing of Endemic Tahoe Plants– Dr. David Steakley

Grant funds the purchase of a Nanodrop UV-Vis spectrophotometer machine for classroom use in biology and AP biology courses at NTHS. This grant allows students to be able to participate in molecular biology experiments that require novel DNA sequencing.

*Fully Fund \$4,000*

North Tahoe High School Special Education Class Garden- Tower Growing System – Danielle Harvey

Grant funds the purchase of two Indoor Tower Garden Growing systems for the Special Education SDC program. This grant benefits students in the 9th –transition (age 22) program to develop independent living, workability, functional academics, and social-emotional skills.

*Fully Fund \$2,246*

**Sierra High School - \$5,265**

Student Choice Leisure Reading Novel – Jill Zapata

Grant funds student choice novels for the Leisure Reading program, which is a vital component in the overall development of student literacy skills.

*Fully Fund \$1,650*

Calculators and Cushions– Izaak Eberst

Grant funds five graphing calculators. This grant allows students to be more familiar and comfortable using a high-end graphing calculator for complex math tasks. Cushions were not supported as the request did not meet the criteria.

*Partial Fund \$553 of \$685*

Emergency Response Hoses – Trent Kirschner

Grant funds five double jacketed fire hoses for the Emergency Response CTE Program. These hoses allow students to gain didactic knowledge and perform the physical tasks related to the learning.

*Fully Fund \$2,462*

Literature Circle Novel Sets– Jill Zapata

Grant funds multiple copies of novels students wish to read. This grant allows the ongoing commitment to build student literacy and strengthen student educational experiences across all curricula.

*Fully Fund \$600*

**Cold Stream Alternative - \$1,000**

Supplemental Reading Materials for Cold Stream Alternative – Carey Parlette

Grant funds supplemental reading materials for English, social studies, and science classes. These reading materials will address individual student requests to create a sustained interest in reading.

*Fully Fund \$1,000*

**Truckee High School - \$9,075**

Ceramic Kiln for Truckee High– Callie Martin

Grant funds a new electric kiln for the Ceramics Program. A new kiln will allow students more freedom to explore high-fire glazes and advanced firing techniques.

*Fully Fund \$4,843*

CPR/First Aid Materials for Adulting– Courtney Delgado

Grant funds materials for First Aid/CPR/AED training for the junior and senior Life Skills (Adulting) elective class. Practicing first aid is beneficial for students to learn what steps to take in an emergency.

*Fully Fund \$3,460*

Percussion Equipment for THS Band– Jesse Steele

Grant funds the purchase professional-level bass drum stand and two pairs of professional-level vibraphone mallets.

*Fully Fund \$772*

**Sierra Expeditionary Learning School (SELS) - \$7,684 (Funded directly to SELS with a separate check)**

Leveled Texts for K-5 Readers– Justine Minczeski

Grant funds six levels of Fountas & Pinnell reading sea ts (total of 60 books). Kindergarten through 5th-grade students learning to become proficient readers benefits from using leveled texts.

*Fully Fund \$2,832*

### Class Library Update- Lorenzo Worster

Grant funds the purchase of books to create a more enticing library selection for 6th-graders. Students helped select the books based on interest, topic, and author diversity.

*Fully Fund \$1,346*

### Fresh Titles from Many Genres in Middle School Library - Katie Santos

Grant funds new books to expand the book selection for the middle school library.

*Fully Fund \$520*

### Replacement Devices for Educational Software and Learning Products - Diane Welch

Grant funds six iPads and covers for educational software and learning centers. These iPads replace existing, outdated iPads.

*Fully Fund \$2,505*

### Supplemental Subscriptions to enhance Literacy in the Elementary Classroom- Diane Welch

Grant funds ten literacy-focused subscriptions to enhance early literacy skills. Students can improve their reading fluency and comprehension by practicing their literacy skills regularly.

*Fully Fund \$481*

### **Inflation Buffer - \$4,000**

Due to inflation and the timeframe when teachers order their grant items, we are aware there will be an increase in cost.

## ***Spring 2022 Grants – Not Funded***

### **Donner Trail Elementary**

#### Yuba River Interpretive Trail– Michelle Reed

The grant request was for materials to create three raised displays for student-created interpretive trail posters related to learning about the riparian environment along the Yuba River.

*The grant request was for \$2,057*

- *The committee felt this was more of a service project and possibly something for the PTO or school to support.*

#### Musical Instruments- Erica Stukey Allstadt

The grant request was to purchase 25 beginner violin kits for students for music instruction.

*The grant request was for \$7,481*

- *The committee felt a universal strings program for elementary school could be challenging. We support music instruction; however, there were concerns with the implementation and the instrument maintenance.*

### **Sierra High School**

#### Sierra High School Makerspace Partnership– Alicia Lampley-Gebel

The grant request was for the Sources of Strength (SOS) program partnerships and yearlong activities. This grant will allow all students to go to the Roundhouse Truckee.

*The grant request was for \$1,200*

*- This grant doesn't meet our current criteria. We generally don't fund field trips.*

Calculators and Cushions - Izaak Eberst

The grant request was to purchase 16 chair pads for the math classroom.

- *We funded the calculators. The committee felt the school could support the cushions.*