Frequently Asked Questions for Learning Links Grants

How do I apply for a Learning Links grant?
Read these FAQs, click on the Guidelines and read the eligibility requirements, then the online grant application accessible from The Community Foundation website. It is also useful to refer to the Recent Grants and Featured Grant to better understand what types of projects are funded.

What is the deadline to apply for a Learning Links grant from The Community Foundation?
The application deadline varies from year to year, but is set as the last Friday in September. The online grant application must be completed on or before the stated deadline.

What counties are served by The Community Foundation’s Learning Links grant program?
Counties served are Avery, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford and Swain.

What schools are eligible to apply for a Learning Links grant from The Community Foundation?
All pre-K to Grade 12 public schools in Avery, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford and Swain counties are eligible to apply for Learning Links grants.

What kinds of projects are considered for Learning Links grants through The Community Foundation?
The Learning Links grant program seeks to award pre-K to grade 12 public school teachers for hands-on projects that encourage children and youth to stay in school through graduation. Projects may be undertaken in or outside the classroom, but should align with current curriculum. Click on Recent Grants for brief descriptions of successful projects.

What are the eligibility requirements for Learning Links grants from The Community Foundation?
Learning Links grants are offered to public schools in Avery, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford and Swain counties. Funded projects must take place between January 1 and June 1. Click on the Guidelines for more information.

What is the maximum amount of money a teacher may be awarded from a Learning Links grant?
Learning Links grants award up to $800 per project.

Are there funding restrictions for Learning Links grants?
There are some restrictions and requirements regarding the use of funds from a Learning Links grant. Click on the Guidelines for further information.

What are the follow-up requirements to being awarded a Learning Links grant?
Funded projects must take place between January 1 and June 1, with grant funds totally expended by June 1. Recipients will be prompted to submit an EOG (end-of-grant) report upon completion of the project, detailing the success of the project and how the funds were spent including completing a budget document. Grant recipients are expected to complete the EOG report using the online grant application software.