



## INAUGURAL GRANT AWARDS

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The Gregory-Portland Education Foundation (G-PEF) is proud to announce the inaugural awarding of teacher grants totaling \$13,753.65, awarded to nine teams composed of twenty (20) innovative teachers across all G-PISD campuses. These grants will fund innovative programs for 1,705 students in this school year alone, and many more in the years to come. Programs are set to begin in G-P classrooms as early as Spring 2020. *Questions? Call or text: 361-332-1476.*

G-PISD School / Campus	Program Title	Award Amount	Grant Winner(s) (Individual or Team)	About the Program
G-P High School	A New Painting Perspective	\$ 2,361.70	John Jimenez Alex Pena	Artistic study will be enhanced by giving 9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Graders the chance to create from a professional painter's perspective – employing charcoal, figure drawing, and in-studio observation.
G-P Middle School	Content Creators of G-PTV Jr.	\$ 2,440.00	Mary Trees Alexandra Whitaker	GPTV audio and video production is already a successful program at G-P High School, but now 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders will be able to develop those skills through "GPTV Jr." with Adobe licensing for creative success!
	Frog Dissection	\$ 752.00	Robert Levensailor Janie Perez	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Science students dissect and investigate the biology/anatomy of a frog.
East Cliff Elementary	Sphero-ing Around in Math!	\$ 1,000.00	Faustina Garza	Integrated, hands-on application of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade mathematics and technology using Sphero robotics and block coding.
	Tower Garden	\$ 1,000.00	Ashley Ramsay	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders will measure temperature, pH levels, plant growth, and much more using a vertical aeroponic growing system ( <i>NASA research suggests this method cuts growing time in half; which students will investigate!</i> )
T.M. Clark Elementary	Student Thinking Power!	\$ 1,000.00	Dani Smith	Critical thinking is a 'super power' for students, and this program will give 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> graders a chance to generate creative solutions for challenges all on their own via the Destination Imagination (DI) model.
	STEM Bins for Little Hands	\$ 2,500.00	Hillary Caceres Peggy Hamrick Amy Radford Stacy McNeal Michelle Northam	Kindergarten learners will benefit from targeted STEM ( <i>Science, Technology, Engineering &amp; Math</i> ) activities with various hands-on materials/kits for early learners.
S.F. Austin Elementary	Escape Rooms (Breakout Bundle)	\$ 2,000.00	Katherine Reeves Anna Jimenez Megan Perez Pamela Gonzales	3 <sup>rd</sup> through 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders will be immersed in 900+ escape room games covering all subjects, challenging them to problem solve for a way 'out' (escape route) to win through hands-on activities and an online / digital platform.
W.C. Andrews Elementary	Station Rotation!	\$ 699.95	Stephanie Dunn Jennifer Moreno	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade teachers will maximize learning through hands-on activities and manipulatives for guided math in the classroom.
<b>TOTAL GRANT FUNDING AWARDED:</b>		<b>\$ 13,753.65</b>	<b>Nine (9) Programs / 20 Teachers / 1,705 Students</b>	