

### Guidelines for Funding Public Schools

The Foundation is very interested in supporting student achievement and success for young people who are attending public schools and who are most at risk of not graduating from high school. The Foundation may also in some circumstances support institutions of higher education. The Trustees have spent a great deal of time thinking about our commitment to public education and where our support can best make a difference.

In that spirit of support, the following guidelines have been developed:

- The Foundation encourages a conversation with our Executive Director, Lisa R. Roy, [Lisa@tbmfoundation.org](mailto:Lisa@tbmfoundation.org) or 303-583-1609, in advance of submitting a request for support.
- Requests should be for “big, innovative ideas.” The Foundation cannot support projects which should be funded by pupil enrollment dollars or through bond initiatives. While the Trustees understand the funding crisis in public education, the Foundation will not replace operating or bond funds for an individual school, university or a district.
- Requests should be economically scalable. This means the work is sustainable and that the idea, program or project can *and* will be replicated by other schools. Applicants must demonstrate that other institutions are interested in replicating the idea and that it can be sustained. This can be demonstrated by written support from Instructional Superintendents, Deans or other decision making leaders in the school district.
- The request must be supported at the district or University level and the Superintendent or President must approve the request for funds in advance of submitting a proposal.
- Collaboration and sustainability are important. The Foundation does not want to be the sole funder or to provide the majority of the funds for any request. In cases where the Foundation is the initial funder for a program, matching or challenge grants may be used to help leverage additional funding.
- Due to the extensive support for the Denver Scholarship Foundation, please do not apply for scholarship assistance in Denver.

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