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BEYOND THE BOOKS

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Annual
Report



Empowering Educators to Inspire Students



About Beyond the Books

Beyond The Books Educational Foundation

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Beyond the Books Educational Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation whose goal is to provide a long-term, self-sustaining financial base to fund innovative academic programs in Unit 5 and District 87 public schools. Organized in 1992, the Foundation is a group of private citizens and is not part of either school district. The Boards of Education of both districts encouraged the Foundation's formation and strongly support its efforts.

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Empowering Educators



To Inspire Students



Mission Statement • The mission of Beyond the Books Educational Foundation is to fund innovative enrichment programs for the students of McLean County Unit District No. 5 and Bloomington District 87 Public Schools.

How is the Foundation Structured? • Beyond The Books Educational Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) Illinois corporation that was formed in 1992. Its purpose is to provide a long-term, self-sustaining financial base that will annually fund innovative academic programs in District 87 and Unit 5 public schools. All work of the Foundation is accomplished by private citizens who serve without salary as the Board of Directors. Annually, the Board elects officers and directors, reviews policies and practices, evaluates the funded projects and conducts a financial audit. The Boards of Education of Unit 5 and District 87 encouraged the formation of the Foundation and strongly support its efforts ... a partnership for innovation in public education.

What is the Process for Awarding Grants? • Each winter, educators in both District 87 and Unit 5 are invited to submit a written grant application which describes the project, method of implementation, cost estimate and the value of the program to students. Applications are reviewed by the Beyond the Books Educational Foundation Board of Directors and funding is awarded according to established criteria. The selected programs are implemented the following school year.

What Kinds of Enrichment Programs are Funded? • The objective of Beyond The Books Educational Foundation is to fund innovative programs (which are not currently offered) that enhance educational experiences. The Foundation is committed to educational excellence in the core academic areas, the arts and humanities, sciences, and technology. All age levels and areas of study are considered.

What is the Financial Goal of the Foundation? • Beyond The Books Educational Foundation is working toward growing its endowment fund to provide funding for all eligible grants. The ongoing financial commitment of contributors to the Foundation can enable our children and our community to become the best they can be.

How Can I Contribute? • Your check, annual pledge or donation via PayPal is appreciated.

- Contribute online or obtain forms at BeyondTheBooksBN.com.
- Make an Honor donation to commemorate a special person (child, teacher, parent) or occasion (birthday, anniversary, graduation, retirement).
- Remember someone with a Memorial gift.
- Name the Foundation in a bequest, real estate gift or as a beneficiary on an insurance policy.

Where do I Send my Donation? • Print, fill out and mail the Contribution/Pledge Card with checks payable to: Beyond The Books Educational Foundation P.O. Box 908 • Bloomington, IL 61702-0908

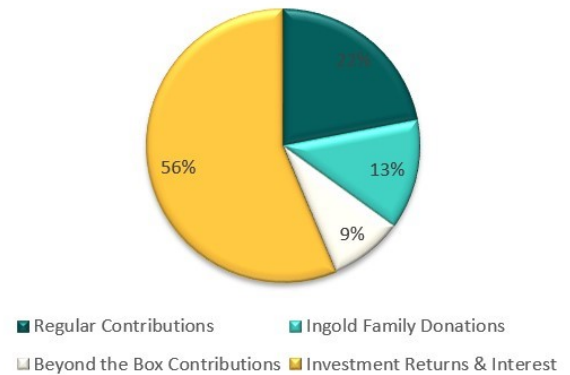
In 2020, the Beyond the Books Educational Foundation had total revenues of \$115,194.54 from a combination of individual, business, and Beyond the Box (BTB) contributions, and investment returns and interest.

Calendar Year 2020

Revenue Summary for Annual Report

Regular Contributions	\$ 25,301
Ingold Family Donations	\$ 15,000
BTB Contributions	\$ 10,000
Investment Returns & Interest	\$ <u>64,892</u>
Total Revenue	\$115,194

2020 Revenue

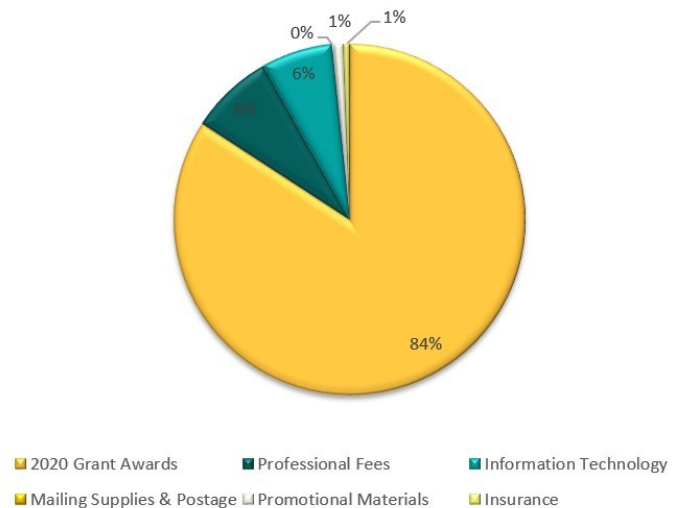


Calendar Year 2020

Expense Summary for Annual Report

2020 Grant Awards	\$ 78,748
Professional Fees	\$ 7,180
Mailing Supplies & Postage	\$ 190
Promotional Materials	\$ 824
Insurance	\$ 525
Information Technology	\$ <u>6,080</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 93,805

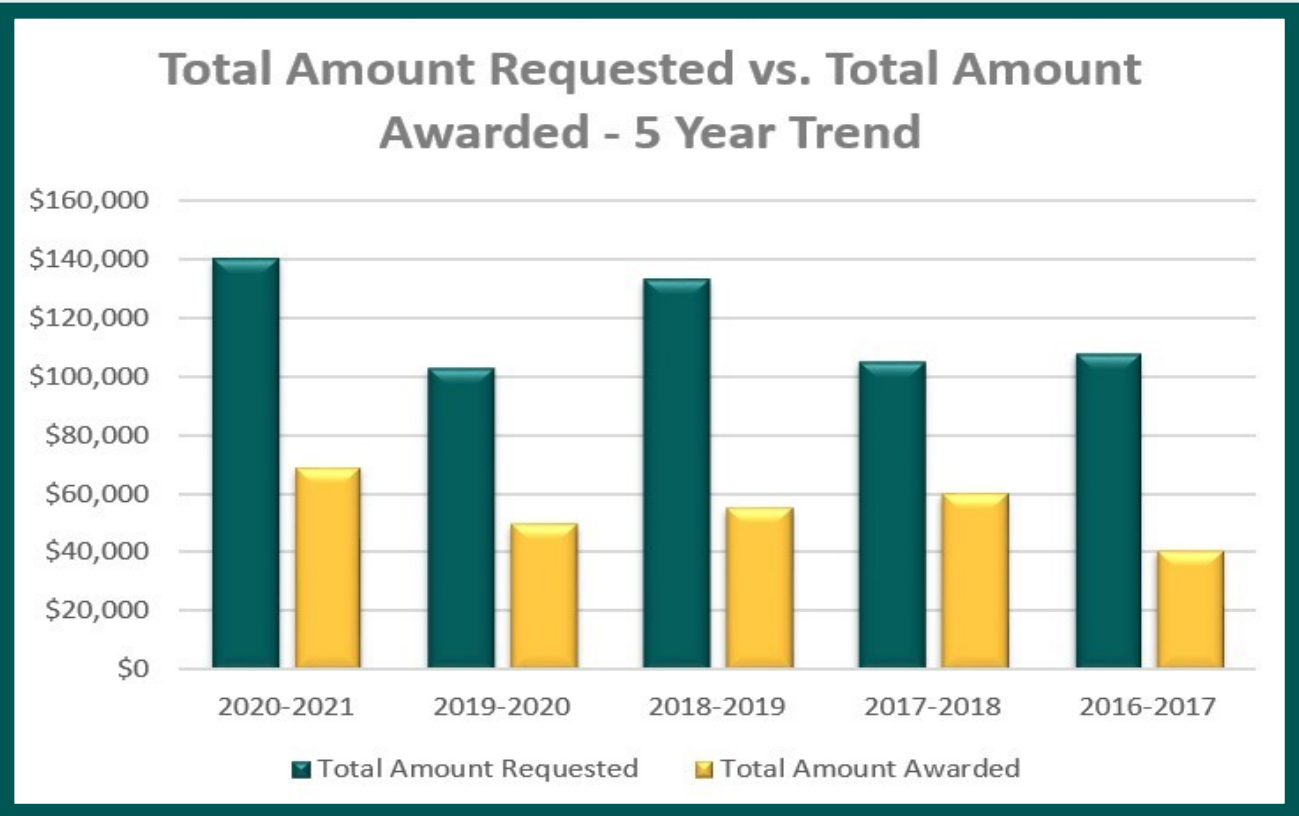
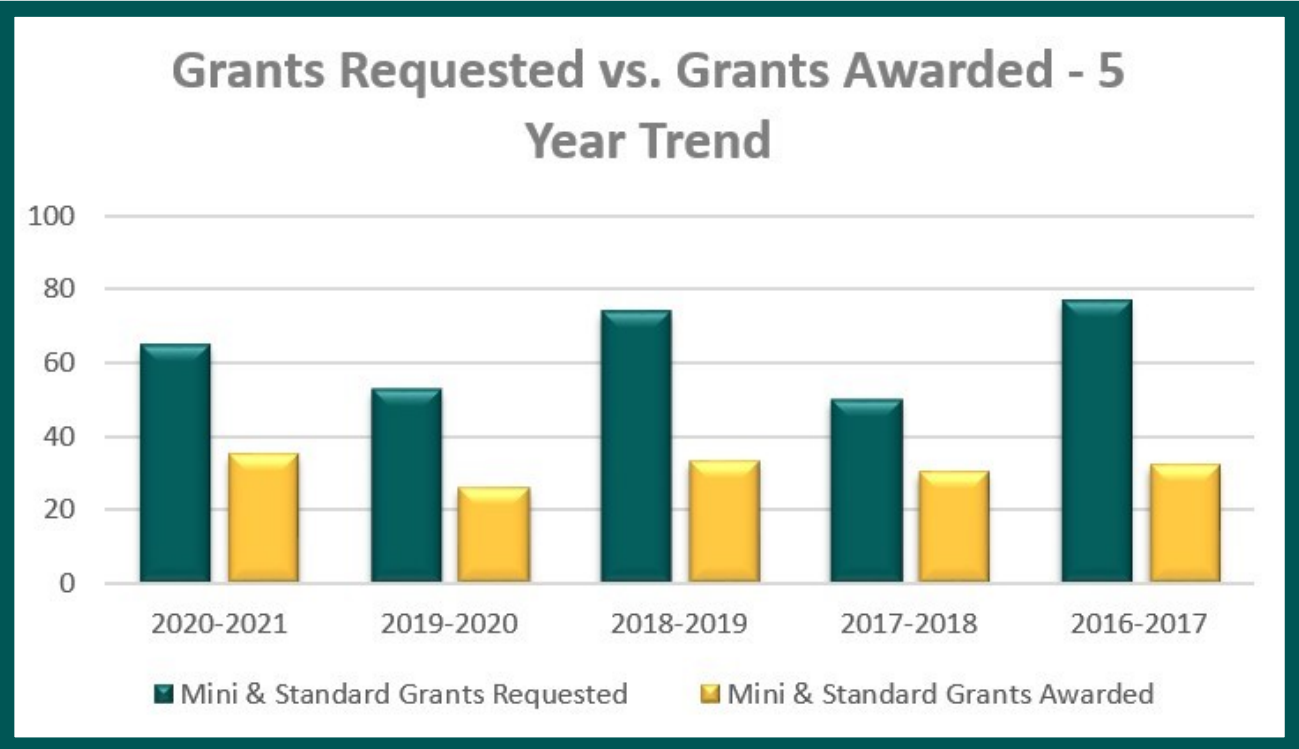
2020 Expenditures



Grant Applications and Awards

In 2020, Beyond the Books Educational Foundation received 65 grant applications from educators in Unit 5 and District 87, requesting a total of **\$140,983**. Of those 65 applications, **35** projects were awarded a total of **\$68,748**.

Since 1992, **\$783,833** has been awarded to support **849** projects.



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fund innovative
enrichment programs.

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BeyondTheBooksBN.com

Elementary Schools

Benjamin

Mary Aper, Mary Current, Amanda Dytrych, Tracie Ghrist, Tena Sprau | **\$2,021** | *Researcher's Workshop: Out of this World Inquiry*

Brigham

Wendy Young, Kathy Cooper, Lora Boyd | **\$1,447** | *Cooking with Kiddos—YUM*

Glenn

Bryan Schultz | **\$479** | *Drumming to a Creative PE*

Grove

Heather Damery, Nikki Dillow, Lindsey Gillespie, Emily Kauten | **\$434** | *Kinders Love Kinetic Sand During Purposeful Play*

Irving

Erin Knuth | **\$360** | *Soft Start Mornings*

Kala Krueger, Joy Searby | **\$3,858** | *Coding Carts*

Northpoint/Fairview

Kiki Keeney, Rebecca Johnson | **\$3,066** | *Uke'an Play Along: Learning to String, Strum, and Apply*

Oakland

Alycia Carroll | **\$362** | *Smart Guess? You Bet!*

Sarah Raymond

Wendy Iverson, M. Stalter, S. Mahan, N. Reidy, B. Weir, M. Fischmann, M. Swaar, A. Bittner, R. Toft, J. Phelps, C. Taylor, E. O'Grady, C. Lonbom | **\$5,000** | *It's more than playing house!*

Washington

Jayme Corcoran, Andy Jones | **\$337** | *The Writing Doctor*

Middle Schools / Junior Highs

BJHS

Rachael Van Heuklon | **\$300** | *Insightful Learning*

Kristie Price, Michelle Chon | **\$393** | *The House of Scorpion*

CJHS

Carissa Mennen, Janelle Learned | **\$5,000** | *Bridges to Literacy: A Multilingual Library*

EJHS

Beth Stephens, Nate Bostic | **\$368** | *Magnetic Levitation Lab*

Danielle Estes | **\$4,350** | *Enhancing Language Through Expeditions*

KJHS

Erin Dobson, Alyssa Jones | **\$395** | *Creating Cultural Responsiveness in Language Arts & Social Studies*

PJHS

Jessica Stutz | **\$368** | *Chill Zone*

Shawn Schwerman | **\$375** | *Mentoring with Pictures*

Shawn Schwerman | **\$360** | *Keepin it Green*

Cory Burnett, Erin Stack | **\$340** | *Sound Waves-Developing a Solution to Excessive Noise*

Cassie Lee, Kate Pavlou | **\$1,252** | *Cooking Our Way to Independence*

High Schools

BHS

Elizabeth Guzaldo | **\$4,078** | *The Sustainable School Garden*

NCWHS

Teri Wilson, Dave Lehr, Jackson Suddarth | **\$300** | *I can see clearly now*

Ali Akyuz | **\$350** | *Graphica Tablets for Cultivation and Collaboration*

Ryan Kerr, Katherine Cavender, IWU | **\$3,310** | *Student Literary and Art Journal*

Dave Weber, Jade Griffin | **\$899** | *Making Motion Make Sense*

Dave Weber | **\$1,913** | *DIY Computers*

Lisa Tomlin, Dave Weber | **\$1,172** | *Chromosomal Connections*

April Schermann | **\$3,450** | *Coding Takes Flight—Using Drones in Computer Science*

Abigail Primo | **\$1,825** | *Standard: Balances for Hands-On Scientific Inquiry Lab*

Michael Burt, Jarrod Rackauskas | **\$4,250** | *Using Thermal Cameras to Augment our Senses in Chemistry*

NCWHS & NCHS

Dave Lehr, Dan Higby, Val Walker | **\$4,925** | *Solar Energy for Everyone*

Teri Wilson, Margherita DiVita | **\$1,472** | *Diversity Library*

NCHS

Dan Higby, Scott Froelich, Val Walker, Don Whitman, Brock Keller, Matt Emberson | **\$4,939** | *Clean Power and Technology Across the Curriculum*

Jacob Wiechman, Andrew Bennett, Stefen Robinson | **\$5,000** | *Audio Production: Empowering Students through Self-Expression*

Special Grant Award - Beyond the Box \$10,000

Monies for this award are provided by the Shirk Family Foundation

Glenn Elementary

Hayley Mennenga, Angela Trask | **\$10,000** | *“Augmented Realty Sandbox”*

Students will be able to explore the science behind how water and weathering affects earth’s materials. They can discover the importance of a variety of freshwater ecosystems. Educators can demonstrate a wide range of Earth Science concepts interactively. For instance, they can show and encourage students to build the varied land-forms found on Earth’s surface and illustrate how they were created by a variety of processes such as flooding, erosion, tectonics, and glaciations.

The grant funds will make it possible to purchase an augmented reality sandbox that will be used by students of the entire school, kindergarten through fifth grade in the subject areas of science, social studies, math, and language arts. The concepts and scenarios are kept simple for the younger students, by discussing contour lines, mountains, valleys, watersheds and water flow. When engaging older students the scenarios and concepts become more complex and the learning experience can include discussions of land-forms, elevation, and best land management practice and processes.

“The use of technology increases student engagement and helps make learning more meaningful and fun. Students can actually be the ones in charge of their own learning through this hands-on tool. Through their own research, thoughts and plans, they will be able to create anything from the tallest mountains to the smallest rainstorms all based on the student's imagination.”

See a list of prior grant winners at BeyondTheBooksBN.com