

**Do you have a project idea that could inspire students to explore learning opportunities that connects the community to the classroom or the classroom to the community?**



## Partnership Grant Program

The Partnership Grant Program connects teachers and business partners who then work together to create meaningful educational experiences that allow students to see how their skills apply to the world of work. The program integrates the standards-based curriculum content with work-based skills that provide an authentic learning experience. As a result of this program, students have chosen the specific fields explored through the partnership program as careers.

Business partners volunteer their time and expertise to foster in highly rewarding collaborations with local educators and students.

### Program Benefits:

For Students: The curriculum and their experiential learning become more relevant by understanding the application in the real world. Fosters a higher level of student engagement in their learning which in turn enhances their access to the curriculum.

For Teachers: Provides opportunities to expand their capacity by working with experts in their fields.

For Business Partners: Create a spark of interest for students – perhaps help them in finding their passion. Meaningful way to give back to the community.

Descriptions of past Partnership Grants and applications are available NEF Business Coalition website:

<http://www.newburyportef.org/business.shtml>

Applications are due by April 27, 2015.

Grants are evaluated based the following criteria:

- Strength of the business partner connection
- Degree of connection to the curriculum
- Impact on student learning
- How it fosters local, regional or national business partnerships

For approved grants, the following will need to be completed by the teacher:

- Provide a description of the project and photos for the NEF Annual Report.
- Present and attend the NEF Annual Meeting in June with the business partner. A tri-fold board will be provided to document the project for display at the NEF Annual Meeting.
- Submit an expense report with receipts and return any remaining balance to Newburyport Education Foundation.
- All equipment purchased with the grant funding is the property of the Newburyport Public Schools and is required be tagged upon purchase.

### Application Schedule

There will be two application opportunities. For programs taking place in the fall of 2015, applications are accepted February 9-April 27. For programs taking place in the fall of 2015, applications are accepted September 7-October 19.

### Fall 2015 Programs

**February 9:** Applications available

**April 27:** Applications due for fall 2015 programs

**Week of May 4:** Grants reviewed by Partnership Grant Committee

**Week of May 18:**

Approval sent to successful applicants

### Funding Available

- Grants awarded amounts typically range from \$500-\$2,000
- Funds to cover supplies and materials to support the project.

*What is not covered:*

- Stipend for teachers
- Payment for services by business partner (limited funding available to support non-profit partners)

If you have a question regarding aligning the project to the curriculum, contact Angela Bik at [abik@newburyport.k12.ma.us](mailto:abik@newburyport.k12.ma.us).

If you need a business partner, contact [NEFBusinessCoaliton@NewburyportEF.org](mailto:NEFBusinessCoaliton@NewburyportEF.org).

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