

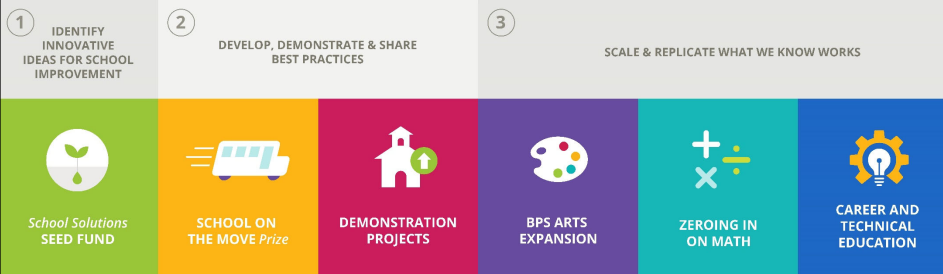


Information Session for 2019 School Solutions Seed Fund



October 3, 2018

How We Work



Grantmaking Approach

- Identify promising solutions that address current challenges facing classrooms and schools
- Support smart ideas and effective approaches to improve learning outcomes for students
- Enable changes to adult practice that sustain over time
- Work in partnership with front-line educators, nonprofit partners and district & system leaders across all sectors

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School Solutions Seed Fund

- “Seed funding” to move quickly to pilot, plan or test new or known solutions for the benefit of students
- Grants of \$5,000 to \$10,000 grants for implementation between June and September
- Work can be implemented across a few classrooms, a grade-level or department team, an entire school, or multiple schools
- Tackle challenges that are shared by other Boston schools, and therefore solutions that other schools can learn from

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What is expected of Seed Fund recipients?

- Implement proposed solution January – September 2019
- Participate in 1-2 cohort meetings to connect with colleagues and learn together
- Participate in EdVestors' Urban Education Showcase in April
- Submit a "lessons learned" report in May

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Who is Eligible to Apply?

Entrepreneurial and problem-solving educators, school, system and network leaders, and nonprofit partners looking to solve a specific education problem.

- Led by single schools, networks, district or nonprofit partners in collaboration with one or more schools in Boston
- Multi-school collaborations
- PreK through Grade 12
- Public (district, pilot, charter) or independent
- Significant % "economically disadvantaged"
- Priority for schools serving at least 75% "high needs"

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Successful Applications

EdVestors is most interested in ideas that...

- Address a top priority issue for a school or schools
- Build leader, teacher, and staff capacity to improve their practice and work differently
- Provide opportunities for adults in a school or across schools to work collaboratively
- Create opportunities for learning within and beyond the school

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How to Apply?

In 2-3 pages, tell us:

- About your school or organization and who will be leading this effort
- Any key partners in the work
- The problem you have identified and why it is a top priority for your school
- **Your plan, why you selected this approach, and how grant funds will be used to support the work**

****This the most important and should form the bulk of your application****

- What you hope to learn to inform future work

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How to Apply? Expense Plan

How will you spend the \$5,000-\$10,000 in seed funds?

- Description of Expenses

Description	Timing	Amount
	For example: January-March 2018	

- Other Resources

- What other financial or in-kind resources (time, human capital) will support this effort?

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How to Apply? Submitting an Application

1. Complete your application in Word and email it to stevens@edvestors.org
2. Complete the application online (SurveyMonkey)
3. Submit a 4-5 minute video application with attachments

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EMAIL: Submitting an Application

Send an email with a single Word document containing:

- Cover Sheet
- Narrative - 3 pages max
- Expense Plan

- Current year operating budget for any significant nonprofit partners (as a separate attachment)
- *Please include your school or organizational name in the subject line when emailing your application*

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ONLINE: Submitting an Application

Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SeedFund2019>

The online application will walk you through the same questions as the emailed application

- No “save and return” option
 - We recommend you type your answers to the 4 guiding questions (slide 8) into Word and paste them into the online application (3 page max)

- Please send separately by email a current year operating budget for any significant nonprofit partners (as a separate attachment)

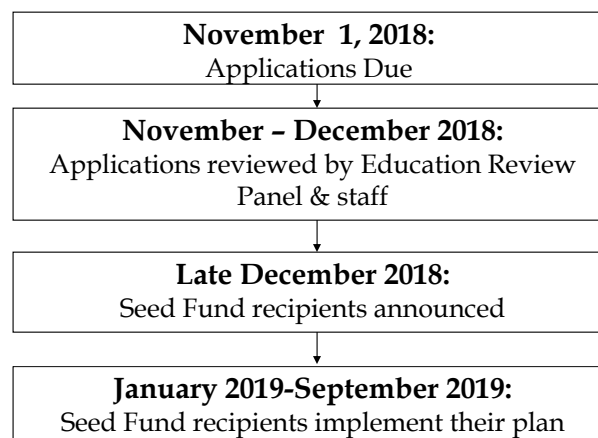
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VIDEO: Submitting an Application

- Upload a video – 4-5 minutes long – to your video site of choice and email the link with the attachments above
 - Answer the four guiding questions (slide 8)
 - Talk to the video, loudly and clearly
- Email a
 - Cover Page
 - Expense Plan/Project Budget, and
 - Timeline of Work
 - Operating budget of any significant nonprofit partners (if applicable)
- *Please include your school or organizational name in the subject line when emailing the link to your video and your attachments.*

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Overview of Process & Timeline



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Thinking about applying?

We encourage you to schedule time with Alison Stevens to discuss your idea before applying.

Calls can be scheduled at:

<https://calendly.com/alisonstevens>

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Questions?

Please contact us at 617-585-5740 or by email:

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