

Seely Foundation Paradox Fund – Principal’s Awards Guidelines

Goal: to encourage teachers’ actions that enhance student learning.

Applications are due **October 25, 2024.**

Requests of up to **\$5,000** will be considered for school-wide programs.

Requests of up to **\$1,000** will be considered for individual teacher/classroom projects.

Funding parameters:

- Professional development and training for teachers
- Curriculum development/support
- School trips that are educational in nature and an integral part of a classroom study unit.
- Innovative educational programs and initiatives
- Funds for visiting artists, presenters, or special guests that enhance learning.
- Educational materials, supplies, and equipment
- Programs to help alleviate the impacts of Covid-19 on student learning (remediation, student support services, etc.)

Requests for building improvements, maintenance, or construction will not be considered.

1. The project supports The Seely Foundation Paradox Fund’s mission to advance the use of art, science, technologies, and social studies in the daily lives of individuals and families throughout Morgan County.
2. Collaborative, inter-disciplinary learning projects among several teachers are encouraged.
3. Projects must state and address at least two West Virginia Next Generation Content Standards and Objectives.
4. Project teachers should consider four aspects of student activity and express in the final report of the project how the project let students reach intended goals and objectives:
 - a. **Engage Ideas to be acquired:** Will it grab students by the collar? Will they absorb, interact, and be interconnected? Will they in turn be able to share with others what they learned in their own words? Will they respond by going deeper than just a basic understanding? Will students be engrossed and involved?
 - b. **Empower Vocabulary planned:** Will students add to their vocabulary new words that they will use every day? How well does the project equip them to do so?
 - c. **Enable Equipment will be useful:** Does the equipment facilitate students learning new ideas? Will it be useful to them in the future?