

District 181 Foundation

# COMMUNITY Partnership



## About Community Partnership Grants

In an effort to enrich the learning of the community as it supports the learning of children, the District 181 Foundation initiated this program in the spring of 2008.

The Foundation will accept applications from organizations seeking to provide the school-community with speakers, performances, and programs that promote learning about education, child development and well-being, and parenting. The Foundation's role will be to provide financial assistance to groups sponsoring events as described above.

Organizations that are making an application are encouraged to partner with others in the process of planning their event. The benefit of seeking financial and other support from several sources is that the event will potentially have a broader base for attendance and involvement. Please do not look to the Foundation as the sole source of funding.

Applications will be evaluated on criteria which include their district-wide value, enhancement of the curriculum, potential to engage the adult community and support learning about raising and educating children, as well as planning elements such as budget, publicity, pre- and post-event programming.

Grant applications are accepted throughout the school year. Funds for approved grants are distributed on a first come-first served basis during the fiscal year (July-June).

The application process includes the completion of the Community Partnership Grant Application Form. It is essential to include a complete budget and recommended to have multiple sources for funding. Planning for publicity to assure solid attendance is also important.

Organizations that support the District 181 Schools such as district-wide committees, PTO/As, park districts and police departments, and others, should consider the Foundation as a potential partner for programming to support the learning of community.

The District 181 Foundation would like to thank The Northern Trust Company for supporting District 181 schools through their sponsorship of the Community Partnership Program.

Questions can be directed to [CommunityPartnership@d181foundation.org](mailto:CommunityPartnership@d181foundation.org).



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