

Milton Foundation for Education

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Milton Foundation for Education Announces Results of the 3rd Round of its 2001 Competitive Grants Program

The Milton Foundation for Education is pleased to announce the results of its Third Round of its 2001 Competitive Grants Program. The Foundation received 8 proposals and will fund all of these for a total of \$11,081. Awards will go to all six of Milton's public schools. Milton Foundation for Education President, Herbert Voigt, and the entire Board of Trustees were thrilled to see creative proposals coming from Milton's teachers. Voigt added that "this was our most ambitious year for our Competitive Grant program to date; the Foundation will fund a total of 28 grants in 2001. I am also pleased to announce that the Board has just approved another three cycles of the Competitive Grant program for 2002.

Dr. Deborah A. Aspen, an instructor of visual art and photography at Milton High School, is awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Milton Foundation for Education which will couple to another \$2,000 award provided to her from the PTFSO to revitalize the photography program of the Art department. Cameras and enlargers will be purchased with the funds so that a basic photography class can be conducted with appropriate equipment. Dr. Aspen wrote "students will learn the basics of a single lens reflex camera as well as the basics of black and white darkroom processing."

Realizing a good thing when they see it, teachers Tammy Coneys, Terry Deutsh, Rosalie Flaherty, Lori Henry and Donna Noblin from the Tucker, Cunningham, and Collicot Elementary Schools borrowed the idea of forming Spanish Resource Centers from the Glover Elementary School. Glover formed such a center in the spring of 2001 with support from the Milton Foundation for Education and now the three other elementary schools in Milton

will do the same with Foundation assistance. "The Spanish Resource Center will impact each school community by providing essential materials for school and home use, supporting the goals of the Foreign Language Early Start (FLES) program and reinforcing the learned skills of FLES students."

Collicot Elementary school will be receiving two additional grants this cycle from the Foundation. Diane Gosselin, Mary Ellen Burke and Elaine McNeil teamed up together to write a winning application entitled: "Leaping into Literacy." This program will be geared toward 1st and 2nd graders. Their goal is "to institute a guided reading program that will enhance primary grade students' literacy acquisition." "Guided reading is a creative teaching technique that allows children to become excited, confident and fluent readers."

Mrs. Anne McIntyre, a 5th grade teacher at Collicot will receive a Foundation grant to set up a Book Club for her students. She will meet with club members every 3 to 4 weeks. She wants "the children to discuss characters, setting, plot, author's purpose etc. about books of their choosing."

Teachers Noa Lai and Julie St. Sauveur of the Glover Elementary School will introduce 3rd and 4th graders to "Hands-On Equations" an innovated program consisting of 26 sequential lessons that will "provide students with a significant learning advantage." They wrote in their proposal that "The impact on this targeted population will be enhanced student self-esteem, interest in mathematics, and strong foundation for later algebraic studies."

Glover will receive a second award from the Foundation. Resource teachers Carol Kenney and Deborah Sinrich will continue to establish a Guided Reading Library" for use by first thru third graders.

Lisa Veldran, Special Needs Teacher at the Pierce Middle school needs to upgrade technology in her special needs classroom. The Foundation will provide the resources that will allow her to purchase a new computer system – this will be matched by the Milton School system.

Recognizing the emerging importance of modern day China, the Milton Foundation for Education will provide the Milton High School with resource materials to enhance the High School's China Curriculum. Frederick D. Sabini, Head of the Social Studies Department 6-12, will purchase books, maps and some computer peripherals to bring modern supplementary materials into the school to support curriculum development regarding China.

To review these grants and make recommendation to the Board of Trustees of the Milton Foundation for Education a Grant Review Committee is formed with representatives from each of the Milton public schools. This year the following teachers served on the Foundation's Grant Review Committee: Barbara Plonski (Milton High School) - Karen Borde (Pierce Middle School), Janis Powell (Collicot), Tanya Walsh (Cunningham), Meredith Murphy (Glover), Jennifer Lannigan (Tucker). Also serving on the review committee from the Foundation are Jim May, chairman, Cathy O'Neil, Ada Rosmarin, Stephen Morash, Olivia Moorehead-Slaughter and Herb Voigt. The next round of the Competitive Grants Program of the Milton Foundation for Education will be announced in January 2002.

School	#Grants submitted	#Grants funded	Amount Req.	Amount Funded
Collicot	6	3	\$5921	\$4655
Cunningham	6	4	\$4732	\$2232
Glover	9	8	\$6629	\$5628
Tucker	6	6	\$2880	\$2580
Pierce MS	4	4	\$7782	\$4632
Milton HS	6	3	\$11979	\$8000
Totals	37	28	\$39922	\$27727

Summary of the Milton Foundation for Education 2001
Competitive Grant Program

This year the Foundation received a total of 37 applications under its Competitive Grants Program, of which 28 were funded. The table shows the number of grants submitted and funded, the amount of money requested and the amount funded for all six schools.

The Milton Foundation for Education is an independent, not-for-profit corporation, separate and distinct from the Milton Public Schools. The Foundation was established to make possible innovative programs and opportunities that are beyond the reach of the school system's budget. Foundation Trustees are people from the community who donate their time to help the Foundation achieve its goals. The Foundation is currently running its annual appeal. Gifts are accepted in the form of cash contributions, will bequests, insurance policies, memorials and tributes, all of which are tax deductible. For more information or to make a contribution, please write to: Milton Foundation for Education, 532 Adams Street #162, Milton, MA 02186. Invest in our children so that they might reach for the world.