

Approved Fall 2025 Venture Grant Summary

Grant Requestor	Amount Requested	Approved Amount by VG Committee	Project Summary
Barney Peace, Josh Bressler, Josh Fisher	\$980.00	\$980.00	Students design, calculate, and paddle a cardboard boat in the HS STEAM regatta and test designs in the MU pool.
Jen Sugra on behalf of elementary principals	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	Every elementary school will host one or two assemblies emphasizing kindness, respect, and hard work (based on size).
Shirley Murray, Baron Jones	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	Kindness assemblies for Manor Middle and Marticville Middle Schools.
Jen Kroesen, Sarah Stover	\$500.00	\$500.00	High school students run a 2-day elementary reading program to encourage literacy at all 7 elementary schools in the district.
Megan Peart, Amy Bittenbender	\$2,285.96	\$2,285.96	AST teachers will provide "Study Success Kits" and explicitly teach executive functioning/study skills to grades 3-6 at Hambright Elem.
Casie Saxton, Aleese Angelo, Lacey Fritz, Emily Gutierrez	\$1,740.00	\$1,740.00	CM First-grade field trip to the North Museum and Planetarium for hands-on curriculum extension in science and social studies.
Megan Miller	\$574.00	\$574.00	Provide Conestoga K-3 teachers with evidence-based Reading Toolkits to foster confidence and motivation through early reading success.
Alisha Bawiec, Tara Wilson, Caitlin Tran, Lynsey Goodling	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	School-wide literacy experience at Eshleman Elementary with the "One Book, One School" project.
Allison Ross on behalf of all 1st grade teachers	\$1,439.64	\$1,439.64	Purchase Novel Effect subscriptions and speakers for all first-grade teachers to enhance read-alouds through a multi-sensory experience.

Sara Masten, Alex Goodman	\$4,745.00	\$4,745.00	Provide high-quality string instruments for the secondary orchestra program (grades 7-12) through a school owned inventory.
Jon Bittenbender, Travis Masten	\$850.00	\$850.00	Field trip to Gettysburg National Military Park with a licensed guide for middle school Social Studies for interested Manor students.
Amanda Davis, Shawna Showalter, Danielle Gwyn, Elizabeth Binkley	\$318.13	\$318.13	Pen Pal Field Trip to culminate a year-long 4th-grade pen pal exchange between LeTort and Martic with a collaborative field trip. Students build relationships & enhance social skills through letter writing before meeting.
Jerrell Birch, Beth Neumann, Jennifer Fisher, Mary Mehalick	\$280.00	\$280.00	4th-grade pen-pal partnership between Pequea and Conestoga elementary schools with a culminating visit. They will learn about & encourage one another throughout the year as they navigate their 4th grade journey.
Ian Hollinger, Christa Craig, Colton Esbin, Shaun Ulmer, Josh Bressler, Anthony Kutza	\$1,949.73	\$1,949.73	Enhance 3D printing capabilities across Applied Engineering, Applied Science, and Business classes at the HS .
Maggie Cantrell	\$929.90	\$929.90	Opening windows to explore tiny worlds through macro lenses for high school photography students.
Kim Marsh	\$10,000.00	\$8,750.00	All-school field trip for Pequea Elementary to Clipper Stadium for the "Baseball in Education Game."
Melissa Sigman	\$303.96	\$303.96	Purchase BJOREM speech sound cue cards to pilot for the speech-language therapy department. (Hambright/Manor Middle)
Becca Eichler, Heather Piatt, Amy Wiggins, Beth Mader	\$197.10	\$197.10	After-school program to build community and connection with current Central Manor 5th-grade students who may feel disengaged.
Karen Devenburgh, Teresa Rook, Amy Adair, Jessica Hoke, Jenna DeLong, Beth Mader, Paige McCardle	\$1,760.00	\$1,760.00	2nd-grade pen pal exchange between Central Manor and Hambright , with a visit to each other's school, and a final culminating in a joint field trip to Charleston Park.

Alexis Carson, Emily Compton, Madalyn, Miller, Laurie Harnish, Morgan Fasnacht	\$8660.00	\$4,800.00	Amidst a world increasingly driven by technology, the art room provides a crucial need for hands-on experiences and face-to-face interactions. In order to appropriately provide that experience to each student within Pequea, Conestoga, Martic, Hambright , and Central Manor Elementary, a drying rack would be integral so that any student is able to paint, or use wet media at any given time to facilitate wet media projects.
Tiffany Zook, Amy Wall	\$200.00	\$200.00	HS Food Science & Nutrition and Business Marketing students design a food truck and attend a tasting event through an entrepreneurial experience.
Mark Andrew, Jenna Moyer, Emily Mattern	\$3,340.15	\$3,340.15	Implement 3D printing to bring Applied Engineering concepts to life in all 7 elementary schools .
Kim Tercha, Meredith Schumacher	\$4000.00	\$1,175.00	LeTort 6th-grade science field trip to the Franklin Institute to align with the new STEELS curriculum units.
Joyce Wright, Glenn Wolfe	\$1670.55	\$1,420.55	LeTort Third-graders publish their animal reports in a class book, supported by 6th-grade peer editing.
Rachel Taylor, Kyle Lainhoff	\$519.00	\$519.00	HS Life Skills students will take a community trip to see a show at the Fulton Theater and have lunch at a restaurant.
Jakob Perkowski	\$943.00	\$943.00	Incorporate an epoxy unit of study into high school technology-woodworking classes.
Chris Meier	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	Field trip for HS AP Art History students to the Philadelphia Museum of Art.
Cassie Bosley, Nancy Jo Johnson, Shelly Kyle, Amy Bittenbender	\$11,496.26	\$11,496.26	"One Book, Two Schools" initiative at Central Manor and Hambright , providing every family with a copy of <i>Odder</i> .
Maria Vita, Matt Davis	\$477.58	\$477.58	In order to gain hands-on experience with neuroscience HS AP Psychology students will dissect sheep brains while documenting experience.

Steven Tomaszfski	\$3,415.68	\$3,415.68	Portable digital pH meters to modernize HS chemistry and biology labs, allowing students to collect accurate, quantitative data for scientific inquiry.
AyShia Gaston	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00	10-week Hip-Hop & Poetry Residency at Hambright to build literacy, creativity, and collaboration for 4th graders.
TOTAL APPROVED FUNDING		\$72,640.64	(Total Approved Amount)