

Friends of Foothills Schools Foundation Grants

The Friends of Foothills Schools Foundation invites you to apply for 2025 grant funding. Up to \$10,000 will be awarded for the period between September and December 2025. Recommended amounts: 2 grants - \$2,500; 5 grants - \$1,000. **In addition, a specialized one-time TECHNOLOGY grant for \$1,000 will be awarded. All school councils are invited to apply in addition to the normal grant application.** *Grant requests of any amount will be considered, contingent upon the demonstrated need, program scope, and the strength of the justification provided in the application.*

Friends of Foothills School Foundation is committed to support student learning under four strategic priorities.

These include:

- Enhanced Learning Opportunities
 - Providing resources and support to enrich student learning experiences and drive academic success
 - Support for mental health, technology, psycho-education assessments
- Equity in Education
 - Removing barriers to academic success and ensuring every child has access to the resources they need to thrive
 - Assist students with emergent needs that prohibit them from participating fully in their education (Emergency Relief for Families)
- Empower Communities
 - Building flourishing, connected communities where students and families feel supported, and fostering the Foundation's partnership with the broader community.
 - Encourage & support students to engage in innovative projects that are self-sustaining, encourage community engagement, & environmental sustainability
- Innovative and Sustainable Growth
 - Generating revenue and promoting forward-thinking projects to enhance educational opportunities and ensure long-term sustainability.

Learn More

- Please visit: foothillsfriends.ca and click on "How We Help" to learn more about the strategic priorities.

All grant applications must be directly related to at least one of the Foundation's priorities. The Foundation does not provide financial support for human resources.

Previous grant recipients are welcome to reapply; however, proposals must be for new projects or initiatives. Requests for continued funding of previously supported projects will not be considered.

Grants applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., November 14, 2025 and must include individual letters of support from your School Principal, the School Council Chair, and a school student representative, if applicable.

Recipients will be notified by December 1, 2025.

We have included a consent form to use photographs/videos for students and their work to be used in promotional materials to benefit the Foundation's charitable endeavours. This additional consent is required as we are an 'arms length entity' of Foothills School Division.

Rubric

2025 Criteria Rubric for Grant Funding

Criterion	5	3	1
Priority Connection	The project clearly relates to more than one Foundation priority.	The project clearly relates to one Foundation priority.	The project does not relate to a Foundation priority.
Project Description	The summary of the project is clear, well planned and provides specific details	The summary of the project is lacking some clarity and specific, necessary details	The summary is unclear and lacks details
Creative & Innovative	The project is impactful in a new, innovative, creative way. Few if any other schools, have done a similar project	The project is impactful and has some creative ideas and is related to a similar initiative at another school.	The project is a standard, pre-existing activity with few unique aspects
Evaluation of the Impact on student learning	Clear and valid measures are in place to evaluate the impact on student learning	There are methods in place to measure the impact on student learning.	Measures are unclear resulting in difficulty determining the impact on student learning.
Will the project have short term or long-term benefits on student learning?	The project will have both short term and long-term benefits on student learning.	The project will have only short term or long-term benefits on student learning.	The project will not have benefits on student learning.
Budget	The budget is concise and outlines in detail how the grant will be spent	The budget provides information about what will be purchased, where and how much, but lacks details	The budget does not provide supporting details on how the grant will be spent.
Grant Funds	The grant funds are supported by additional dollars provided by project sponsors.	The grant funds may be supported by future additional dollars provided by project sponsors.	The grant funds are not supported by additional dollars provided by project sponsors.

Timeline

Grants Open		October 1, 2025
Grant Deadline		November 14, 2025
Grants Reviewed and recommendations to FFSF Board for approval		November 28, 2025
Grants are approved by FFSF Board		December 2025
Grants announced		December 1, 2025

Application Process

Applications will be reviewed by the Friends of Foothills Foundation Board. This may include a conversation with applicants to learn more about their plans. Grants are open October 1, 2025. Applications are due no later than 4:30 p.m., November 14, 2025. **Please send grant applications or information requests to: hello@foothillsfriends.ca**

Criteria for Assessment

Ensure your responses to the application questions address these criteria:

- Alignment with the vision and mission of the Friends of Foothills Schools Foundation.
- If possible, activities are a partnership or collaboration between the administration/school council and organizations within the community i.e.: non-profit, social enterprise, industry organization, local government.
- Pursuit of unique programs that prepare students for the future.
- Suitability and strength of partners in their respective roles identified in the application.
- The potential impact should the idea or action applicants plan to explore, is successful.

Rubrics

- Please review the rubrics to make sure that your project or proposal meets the required criteria to score maximum points.

Notification of Decision

Recipients will be notified by December 1, 2025.

Please note: If you are a prior recipient of a grant, your one-page summary of how the funds were spent, the number of students supported and the overall impact of the grant is due by June 30, 2025.

Application for Friends of Foothills Schools Foundation Funding

Date of application:

Name of applying school:

School organization applying: i.e. School Administration, School Council, School Student organization.

Primary contact for grant application (name, email, telephone):

Name and purpose of grant application project:

How does the project address the following:

- a. The Friends of Foothills Foundation's strategic priorities
- b. Project creativity and innovation
- c. Impact student learning

Please identify the amount you are seeking:

Provide a detailed budget outline:

How does the Foundation grant assist the project's budget?

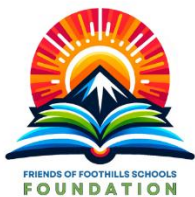
What are the implications to the project if the Foundation is not able to provide funding?

Please provide letters of support for this grant application from the School Principal, the School Council Chair, and a school student representative if applicable.

Information can be provided in sentence or bullet form.

If your application is successful, a **one-page summary of how the funds were spent, the number of students supported and the overall impact of the grant is due by June 30, 2026.**

If you need further information or support, please contact Executive Director, Friends of Foothills Schools Foundation: hello@foothillsfriends.ca. If needed, you can request a phone or virtual meeting.



CONSENT FORM 2025-2026

Dear participant, parent(s) / guardians,

Representatives from the Friends of Foothills Schools Foundation would like to use photographs/videos of your child/child's work to use as part of a promotional campaign. This will benefit the Friends of Foothills Schools Foundation and its charitable endeavours to raise money to support grants that enhance learning opportunities in the Foothills School Division.

There is a possibility that students may be/were photographed, videotaped and or interviewed. To protect a student's privacy, parental consent is necessary under the **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**.

All portions of the work referred to above will become part of the organization's database and may be adapted for other educational or non-educational applications; productions, broadcast, rebroadcast, published, exhibited, reproduced, posted online, distributed in various other media formats to many markets. Once photographs, videos, audio recordings, and additional identifying personal information and student work are released in any public forum, further distribution or use of the material cannot be controlled by those who access the information.

I understand the production(s)/works may be shown at/on:

- Friends of Foothills Schools Foundation, school or division websites and social media sites
- School, division, or community displays
- Foundation promotional publications

PLEASE DATE AND SIGN THIS FORM AND RETURN TO YOUR SCHOOL

I consent to _____ of _____ School
Print name of the student Print name of the school

Being photographed, videotaped, and interviewed for use by the Friends of Foothills Schools Foundation for information and promotional purposes.

_____ Name of Parent/Guardian (print)	_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian	_____ Date
_____ Signature of the student if over 18 years of age	_____ Date	