

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

SUBJECT: FUNDED ACE GRANT PROGRAMS - 2010

The City of Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education annually solicits grant proposals from the Greenbelt Schools.

The ACE Grants Program supports activities which enhance or enrich school-based activities. Eligible schools include the six ACE core schools: Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Turning Point Academy, Greenbelt Middle and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Proposals are welcome either from the school itself or from the school's parent-teacher organization.

On April 26, 2010, the Greenbelt City Council approved funding for 15 programs at 5 schools, for a total value of \$6750. The funded programs are:

Number	School	Title	Funding	Total
1	Greenbelt Elementary	Outdoor Shed	\$500	
2	Greenbelt Elementary	Broadcast News Show	\$500	
3	Greenbelt Elementary	Arts Integration Supplies	\$500	
4	Greenbelt Middle	American Experience	\$500	
5	Greenbelt Middle	Book In A Day	\$500	
6	ERHS	Literary Magazine	\$500	
7	Springhill Lake Elem	Dance Fitness	\$500	
8	Magnolia Elementary	Science and Math Explorers	\$500	
9	Magnolia Elementary	Youth Mentoring	\$500	
10	Springhill Lake Elem	Modern Dance Class	\$500	
11	ERHS	9 th Grade Success Team	\$250	
12	ERHS	It's Academic Buzzer	\$500	
13	Greenbelt Elementary	PBIS Pizza and Ice Cream	\$250	
14	Greenbelt Elementary	PBIS School Store	\$250	
15	Magnolia Elementary	Walk for Education	\$500	

Funded Grants:

1 Outdoor Shed; Greenbelt Elementary School.

Funding: \$500.

Summary: The school has received tricycles purchased with a County Council grant from Ingrid Turner. The tricycles will be used for the Kindergarten and pre-K classes during recess, and will enhance fitness,

gross motor skills, coordination and balance. In order to make use of the tricycles during recess, the school proposes to purchase an outdoor shed to house them.

Strengths: Enhances fitness. Remainder of funding to be provided by PTA.

2 WGES Broadcast News Show; Greenbelt Elementary School.

Funding: \$500.

Summary: The morning announcements at GES are made by video broadcast from a small studio within the school. The school requests funding for sound equipment that needs to be replaced.

Strengths: This is an excellent program that involves students in all aspects of the studio: both in front of and behind the cameras. Detailed budget.

3 Supplies for Arts Integration; Greenbelt Elementary School PTA.

Funding: \$500.

Summary: Purchase art supplies to stock a closet for the use of teachers incorporating art into their lessons.

Strengths: Infuses art into the student experience to supplement traditional in-class instruction. Part of on-going effort to make GES an arts-integration school. Teachers were surveyed to find out what materials are most likely to be used. Matching funds from the PTA.

4 An American Experience for English Language Learners; Greenbelt Middle School.

Funding: \$500.

Summary: Eighth grade ESOL students will be taken to the National Capitol and Mall to learn American culture and governmental systems. Program includes preparatory lessons and field trip.

Strengths: An excellent idea; the reviewers really liked this proposal.

5 Book-in-a-Day; Greenbelt Middle School.

Funding: \$500.

Summary: Special education and dyslexic students will participate in an intensive writers workshop to compose, edit and publish a paperback book of original poetry.

Strengths: Excellent program targeting special needs children. The \$2000 cost has been reduced to \$1000 by the program and matching funds of \$500 have been secured from the school.

6 ERHS Literary Magazine Publication; Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Funding: \$500.

Summary: Students will produce a very high-quality literary magazine including prose, poetry, drawing and photography.

Strengths: The magazine produced is very high quality and will be a keepsake for the 150 students involved.

7 Dance Fitness; Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Funding: \$500.

Summary: Students will participate in an after-school dance fitness class, learning a variety of different styles of dance, boosting fitness and health with a total body workout.

Strengths: Improves fitness and fights obesity. Accomplished and experienced instructor.

8 Science and Math Explorers; Magnolia Elementary School.

Funding: \$500.

Summary: Expands and extends the STEM fair to the whole school year, including science nights, classroom materials and monthly parent newsletter.

Strengths: Comprehensive program of science and math throughout the year. Supports students and their parents in preparing for the STEM fair.

9 Positive Direction for Youth Mentoring Program; Magnolia Elementary School.

Funding: \$500.

Summary: As part of an on-going mentoring program, the proposal will fund a field trip to a museum or theatrical performance in Washington DC in order to give at-risk students experience in the types of behavior required in a public setting.

Strengths: Mentoring program promotes positive thinking and behavior.

10 Modern Dance Class; Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Funding: \$500.

Summary: Students will participate in an after-school modern dance class. This is a continuation of a program started with an ACE grant awarded in Fall 2009.

Strengths: Good program, promotes artistic expression and fitness. Well-qualified teacher.

11 9th Grade Success Team; Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Funding: \$250.

Summary: Program targets low achievers and provides support, additional instruction and communication with parents. Funding requested for ice cream party upon performance improvement.

Strengths: Program provides support for at-risk student population.

12 Buzzer Purchase for It's Academic Tournament; Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Funding: \$500.

Summary: Purchase buzzer system for the "It's Academic" competition team to enable tournament-style practice.

Strengths: The It's Academic team at ERHS has consistently placed highly in competitions, including winning the national championship in 1988. The buzzer purchase will enable practice similar to the tournaments.

13 Pizza and Ice Cream Parties for PBIS; Greenbelt Elementary School.

Funding: \$250.

Summary: The Positive Behavior Intervention System at GES provides incentives for positive behavior. The incentives include pizza and ice cream parties, popular with the older children.

Strengths: The PBIS program has been a big success, cutting discipline referrals by half.

14 School Store Supplies for PBIS; Greenbelt Elementary School.

Funding: \$250.

Summary: The school store provides PBIS incentives popular with the younger children.

Strengths: Success of PBIS.

15 Walk for Education; Magnolia Elementary School.

Funding: \$500.

Summary: Program would initiate a before-school walking program to promote fitness.

Strengths: Promotes life-long fitness.