

2007-2008

**CUSF**  
**STEPPING STONE GRANT**  
**Application**

**For UP TO \$500!**

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: February 15, 2008**

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## Stepping Stone Grants

### How to Apply:

- ✓ Obtain the grant application from Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation anytime after October 1, 2007.
- ✓ You are invited to attend our TeacherLink drop-in grant-writing information session **NOVEMBER 15 or 16, 2007** at the **CUSF Office at 303 W. Green Street in Urbana from 4:00 – 5:30 pm.**
- ✓ Fill out and obtain the necessary signatures of all participants and partners proposed in your application.
- ✓ *Submit a single copy of the application to your superintendent's office for their records.*
- ✓ **Return a single copy of your completed grant proposal by NOON, February 15, 2008 via mail or personal delivery – do not rely on FAX. Applications received after 12 noon will NOT be considered.**
- ✓ And, if awarded, complete a short final report by the end of your implementation year. (June 30, 2009)

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### Funding Fine Print

1. ***Grant proposals that have the potential to enrich learning opportunities for school age children within the Unit 4 and 116 public school districts will be considered.***
2. In most cases, funds will **not** be appropriated to salary for existing staff or substitute teachers, teacher air-travel or hotel accommodations or the purchase of standard textbooks and/or supplies for *regular* and/or existing curricula.
3. Funds will be granted one year at a time. If funding is sought for an additional year(s), you will be expected to reapply for another grant proposal.
4. The grant application must be for funding and implementation in the 2007-2008 school year.
5. Grant money will be available to recipients, through your district office, as of June 1, 2007.
6. Unspent funds by June 30, 2007 will be returned to CUSF for re-distribution.
7. **A FINAL REPORT will be due by JUNE 1, 2008. We provide the form.**

Some examples of Stepping Stone proposals that have received support from the Foundation in the past are:

- A. Math, science, literacy and reading resource centers.
- B. Creative ways to extend school to home.
- C. Seed money or matching funds for grant proposals to large foundations.
- D. Interdisciplinary explorations in art, music, science, math, reading and literacy.
- E. Supplies and support materials to enhance the implementation of a creative idea.
- F. Field trips that enhance and extend a classroom focus.

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### **CAN'T THINK OF AN IDEA RIGHT NOW?**

**Check out our 2007-2008 "DO IT AGAIN" GRANT PROGRAM!**

"DIAG" ideas have been funded before by CUSF and we have packaged them just for you! We will share the concept, give you the funding and support to put an award winning idea in your classroom! Call the CUSF office, go on-line or check with your principal to learn more!

**GOOD LUCK and thank you for your interest!**  
**CUSF Stepping Stone Grant 2007-2008 APPLICATION**

2007-2008	Amount requested _____	Code _____
For office use only	Amount awarded _____	Stepping Stone Grant

What are you calling your proposal? \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT REQUESTED (must be no more than \$500):** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For what grade(s) is this? \_\_\_\_\_ How many students will be directly served? \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

What do you teach? \_\_\_\_\_ How Long? \_\_\_\_\_

Best email address: \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received a CUSF grant before? Yes No

Your Principal's name? \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read this proposal and can support this in my building in 2007-2008*

Principal's Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to add to or change your building's technology with this grant? **IF SO, you must have approval by the district technology**

**staff:** (circle one). Mike Marassa, Unit 4 John Morrow, Unit 116

Technology Director's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Are you partnering with anyone **outside of the districts** in this grant? (museum, U of I , Parkland, artist-in-residence, etc.) **IF SO, you must obtain your partner's signature(s).**

Your Partner's name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Partner(s) Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE BACK OF THIS APPLICATION!**  
If additional space is needed for your answers, please use an extra sheet of paper.

<p><i>Please sign:</i></p> <p><i>If I receive CUSF funding for this proposal, I agree to provide a final report as specified elsewhere in this application and possibly provide a short future presentation describing how I completed this idea. In addition, by accepting funding from the Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation, I agree that this project concept may be shared with other educators in the future.</i></p> <p>APPLICANT/CONTACT PERSON SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____</p>
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List other involved educator(s) in this proposal \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures of other educator(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(ALL Additional teachers/educators involved must sign off on this proposal, please provide an additional sheet for signatures if necessary)

**Return this application (one copy) by noon on February 15, 2008 to:**

Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation 303 W. Green Urbana, IL 61801 217-351-7512

**PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING 5 QUESTIONS TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION**

