
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: DR. JAMES FRANACHINI, SUPERINTENDENT
FROM: MICHAEL OUIMET
SUBJECT: GRANTS
DATE: MARCH 16, 2020
CC: BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Averill Park Education Foundation has generously made a donation of \$2,349.70 for the purpose of funding the following:

- \$600 Falconer presentation, Algonquin Middle School
- \$1,300 Michael Nearney substance abuse prevention speaker, Averill Park HS
- \$449.70 USB Microphones, Algonquin Middle School

I recommend the District accept this donation, increase the General Fund budget by \$2,349.70 (A2110450100000, \$2,349.70) and publicly thank the Averill Park Education Foundation for their contribution and continuing support of our school community.

Please place this recommendation on the March 23, 2020 Board of Education agenda. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this recommendation.



February 12, 2020

Mark DuMont
Algonquin Middle School
333 NY-351
Averill Park, NY 12018
Re: Grant Approval

Dear Mr. DuMont:

We're delighted to report that the Trustees of the Averill Park Education Foundation have awarded you a grant in the amount of \$600.00 to cover the costs of the falconer presentation.

The funds from this grant are restricted to cover the costs for the consultant as detailed in your grant request dated January 10, 2020 and submitted to the Trustees for consideration.

Within a year, we ask that you send us an informal report on how you have used this grant, along with at least one photo showcasing your project that we may post on our web site or use in promotional materials.

The APEF is proud to support and enrich Averill Park Education through meaningful projects such as yours. We wish you success with your project and look forward to hearing more about it.

Sincerely,
Daryl Bart
President, Averill Park Education Foundation

Averill Park Education Foundation
PO Box 56
Averill Park, NY 12018
<http://www.averillparkef.org/>

GRANT APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: Mark DuMont

Date: January 10, 2020

School Campus: Algonquin Middle School

Department: Grade 6 - English Language Arts

Telephone: 518-674-7100

Email: dumontm@apcsd.org

FAX: 518-674-0671

Supervisor/Principal: Rob Messia

Project Type

Funding is being sought for what type of project? (Check all that apply)

Classroom Activity

Performing Arts

☒ Special Event/Guest Presenter

Curriculum development

Educational outreach

Equipment

Conference

Project Goals and Description

Please provide a brief description of the project for which you are seeking funding and the goals (what you expect to accomplish) you have set for the project. Please attach additional pages describing your project's timeline, planned activities, and responsibilities of principal staff involved. If your request is specifically for funding for equipment, please list the equipment or product you are seeking to purchase:

- The project is to hire Brian Bradley, a licensed falconer, to give a 45-minute presentation on birds of prey to sixth grade students on May 8, 2020.
- The presentation will take place at the Algonquin Middle School auditorium during access period. Band, orchestra, and chorus activities and AIS classes would be cancelled on that day.
- Brian is from New Paltz, New York and apprenticed under Dr. Heinz Meng, a famous falconer, ornithologist, and biology professor at SUNY New Paltz. Brian's passion for falconry and birds of prey led to a desire to educate others about these amazing creatures.
- The presentation is called "Skyhunters In Flight," and it is "an action oriented educational program designed to give people of all ages an up-close and personal experience with live birds of prey."
- Brian says that he has been giving this program to children at hundreds of schools throughout the tri-state area for almost 20 years.

This presentation would have a strong connection to the current curriculum in both English Language Arts (ELA), literacy, and science. In literacy, students are currently reading and analyzing *Frightful's Mountain*, a novel by Jean Craighead George, that is set in our region and is about the special relationship between a boy and a peregrine falcon. In ELA, students are using the novel as a springboard for a research project on the costs and benefits of using pesticides such as DDT, which had a profound effect on the population of peregrine falcons in North America.

Budget Summary

Description	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Consultants/Purchased Services		\$600.00 (See attached invoice)
Supplies and Materials		
Travel		
Equipment (Please specify):		
Printing/Postage		
*Other (Please describe below)		
	Total cost of project/program:	\$600.00
	Less amount funded by other sources (if applicable):	\$
	Total amount being requested from Averill Park Education Foundation:	\$600.00

*Other budget item(s)

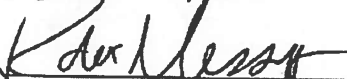
To the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information presented in this application is true and correct. If approved, the Averill Park Education Foundation will be provided a copy of all PO's, requisitions and receipts as documented in the Financial Gifting Letter.



Signature of Applicant

1/13/2020

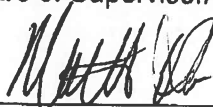
Date



Signature of Supervisor/Principal

1/13/2020

Date



Signature of Assistant Superintendent

1/14/20

Date

Please submit your completed grant application to:

Grants Review Committee
Averill Park Education Foundation
PO Box 56
Averill Park NY 12018



February 12, 2020

Kim Favro
Averill Park High School
146 Gettle Road
Averill Park, NY 12018

Re: Grant Approval

Dear Ms. Favro:

We're delighted to report that the Trustees of the Averill Park Education Foundation have awarded you a grant in the amount of \$1,300.00 to cover costs related to a guest speaker, Michael Nearney.

The funds from this grant are restricted to cover the costs for the guest speakers as detailed in your grant request dated January 120, 2020 and submitted to the Trustees for consideration.

Within a year, we ask that you send us an informal report on how you have used this grant, along with at least one photo showcasing your project that we may post on our web site or use in promotional materials.

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GRANT APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: Kimberly Favro Date: 1/20/20
School Campus: APHS
Department: Guidance / Student Assistance Program
Telephone: 518-674-7028 Email: favrok@apcf.org FAX: _____
Supervisor/Principal: Heath Quiles

Project Type

Funding is being sought for what type of project? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Classroom Activity
- ☐ Performing Arts
- ☒ Special Event/Guest Presenter
- ☐ Curriculum development
- ☐ Educational outreach
- ☐ Equipment
- ☐ Conference

Other: Please
describe: _____

Project Goals and Description

Please provide a brief description of the project for which you are seeking funding and the goals (what you expect to accomplish) you have set for the project. Please attach additional pages describing your project's time line, planned activities, and responsibilities of principal staff involved. If your request is specifically for funding for equipment, please list the equipment or product you are seeking to purchase:

We are seeking funding to bring back guest speaker, Michael Nerney.
For 2020, we wanted to add to his presentation by adding an
additional speaking engagement during the school day. See
attached document for details.

What student group(s) will be served by this project/program? Please include an estimate of the number of students served.

All Health students enrolled in Spring Semester 2020 - approximately
120 students. Additional classes including Human Brain students
will be invited - approximately an additional 80 students. For evening
Please list any artists, cultural organizations, or other community/business organizations or agencies that will be involved in this project (if applicable):

No parties

What are the proposed start and end dates for this project?

From: May 7th 2020 To: May 7th 2020

Is additional funding also being sought for this project from other sources? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list any other funding organizations or sources:

No parties

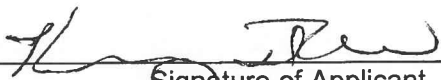
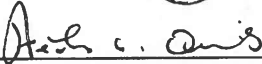
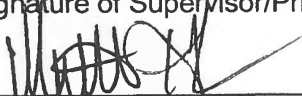
Presentation, all students in district will be invited with parents -
estimating 200 participants for evening.

Budget Summary

Description	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Consultants/Purchased Services		
Supplies and Materials		
Travel	\$ 200.00	\$200.00
Equipment (Please specify):		
Printing/Postage		
*Other (Please describe below)	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Guest Speaker		
	Total cost of project/program:	\$ 1,800.00
	Less amount funded by other sources (if applicable):	\$ 500.00 - No notes
	Total amount being requested from Averill Park Education Foundation:	\$ 1,300.00

*Other budget item(s) Description:

To the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information presented in this application is true and correct. If approved, the Averill Park Education Foundation will be provided a copy of all PO's, requisitions and receipts as documented in the Financial Gifting Letter.

	<u>1/20/20</u>
Signature of Applicant	Date
	<u>1/21/20</u>
Signature of Supervisor/Principal	Date
	<u>1/22/20</u>
Signature of Assistant Superintendent	Date

Additional pages of description of your project may be added if necessary.

Please submit your completed grant application to:

**Grants Review Committee
Averill Park Education Foundation
PO Box 56
Averill Park NY 12018**

Grant Application 2020- Averill Park Education Foundation

Project Goals and Description

The purpose of my proposal is to continue to identify programs and speakers that will enhance substance abuse prevention and learning opportunities for students, faculty and parents in our district. In our district, we take great pride in working to strengthen healthy community education and social-emotional learning. Due to my unique role as the Student Assistance Counselor employed by both Rensselaer County Mental Health and Averill Park School District, I am able to diversify programming to engage students, families, and community members. My professional relationship with our community coalition, NOpiates, has also bolstered programming done here in district; we are continuously trying to expand our reach and connect with more of our community members. Because my role extends beyond the school schedule, the programs we facilitate provide needed services to community members facing issues with substance abuse or mental health year round. As the Student Assistance Counselor for the high school, I also oversee the student led, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) club, and as said previously, have ongoing membership in the community substance abuse prevention coalition, NOpiates.

As mentioned above, an important aspect of the Student Assistance Program is to also incorporate community presenters into our programming in order to bring attention to various issues facing our youth today. It is helpful at times to incorporate guest speakers into the programming because it provides our community with a fresh lens through which to challenge misperceptions about addiction, risk-taking, and mental health. Through knowledge shared by expert presenters, we gain new insights into how to address issues effectively. We are hopeful that our school community can again host international speaker, Mike Nerney.

With the funds, our intention is to provide 2 presentation opportunities at Averill Park in 2020. Due to the positive feedback and attendance received at last year's event, entitled, *The Adolescent Brain Under Stress*, we are requesting that Mike Nerney return to our district. Mr. Nerney is a highly regarded specialist and internationally known lecturer, focusing on Substance Abuse Prevention and Education. Our local coalition, NOpiates, has been advocating for Mike's return due to his extensive knowledge in the field. Hosting Mr. Nerney in our district would allow our community the opportunity to gain great insights on mental health/substance abuse issues facing our young people. More specifically, Mr. Nerney will cover *Risky Business: Why Adolescents Love Risk Taking and How We Can Manage it, and/or Big Damage: How Addictive Drugs Change the Adolescent Brain*.

This year, in addition to the evening presentation for parents and community members, we are asking that Mr. Nerney also present during the day to students enrolled in Health and other relevant subject areas. Our Health teachers have advocated for an assembly structure for their Drug and Alcohol Unit, and I believe that Mr. Nerney will have significant impact on the student population. Last school year, students that attended Mr. Nerney's evening presentation and were highly engaged. We are estimating approximately 200 students/staff will be in attendance for the daytime presentation. We are hoping to have 100-200 community members for the evening presentation.

1. **Mr. Michael Nerney's** first presentation will be student-focused and his second presentation will be geared towards parents and community members. Mr. Nerney will tailor the presentation to meet our needs and will cover new material this year. Last year, Mr. Nerney spoke at the high school auditorium and this year, we would like him to present at Algonquin Middle School. This will hopefully draw in a different group of parents. If awarded, we would like to host Mr. Nerney on **May 7th 2020**. Mr. Nerney's presentation costs **\$1,800** which includes travel expenses. The NOpiates Committee is planning on paying **\$500** towards this presentation but are in need of the additional \$1,300. Attached you will also have a biography and background on Mr. Nerney.

Thank you very much for your consideration and your ongoing support in the area of substance use prevention.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Favro, MA

Student Assistance Counselor



February 12, 2020

Chris Anderson
Algonquin Middle School
333 NY-351
Averill Park, NY 12018
Re: Grant Approval

Dear Mr. Anderson:

We're delighted to report that the Trustees of the Averill Park Education Foundation have awarded you a grant in the amount of \$449.70 to cover the costs of 30 USB microphones.

The funds from this grant are restricted to cover the costs for the consultant as detailed in your grant request dated January 9, 2020 and submitted to the Trustees for consideration.

Within a year, we ask that you send us an informal report on how you have used this grant, along with at least one photo showcasing your project that we may post on our web site or use in promotional materials.

The APEF is proud to support and enrich Averill Park Education through meaningful projects such as yours. We wish you success with your project and look forward to hearing more about it.

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President, Averill Park Education Foundation

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GRANT APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: Chris Anderson
School Campus: Algonquin Middle School
Department: for all of AMS
Telephone: (518) 674-7100
Supervisor/Principal: Robert Messia

Date: January 9, 2020
Email: andersonc@apcsd.org Fax: (518) 674-0671

Project Type

Funding is being sought for what type of project? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Classroom Activity
- ☐ Performing Arts
- ☐ Special Event/Guest Presenter
- ☐ Curriculum development
- ☐ Educational outreach
- ☒ Equipment
- ☐ Conference

Other: Please
describe: _____

Project Goals and Description

Please provide a brief description of the project for which you are seeking funding and the goals (what you expect to accomplish) you have set for the project. Please attach additional pages describing your project's timeline, planned activities, and responsibilities of principal staff involved. If your request is specifically for funding for equipment, please list the equipment or product you are seeking to purchase:

As teachers continue to develop new learning opportunities for their students in a 1:1 environment, there are additional technical resources needed to support these initiatives. In every grade, students are creating dynamic and engaging projects that demonstrate their learning. Whether it's genetics podcasts in grade 7 science or Ted Talks in grade 8 ELA, students are creating audio and video projects that are extraordinary. However, at present, we don't have a set of USB microphones use to support these and other projects. A school set of 30 USB microphones will enable students to create even better, more professional quality products.

What student group(s) will be served by this project/program? Please include an estimate of the number of students served.

A class set or two of 25 microphones centrally stored and available for sign out by AMS teachers and students would positively impact every student in our building. This would mean over 600 students would have access to the microphones to improve their podcasts, songs, speeches, videos and more.

Please list any artists, cultural organizations, or other community/business organizations or agencies that will be involved in this project (if applicable):

What are the proposed start and end dates for this project?

From: As soon as possible To: As long as they last

Is additional funding being sought for this project from other sources? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list any other funding organizations or sources: none

Budget Summary

Description	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Consultants/Purchased Services	-	
Supplies and Materials	-	
Travel	-	
Equipment (Please specify):	USB Lavalier Lapel Microphone 14.99 x 30	\$449.70
Printing/Postage		
*Other (Please describe below)		
	Total cost of project/program:	\$ 449.70
	Less amount funded by other sources (if applicable):	\$
	Total amount being requested from Averill Park Education Foundation:	\$ 449.70

*Other budget item(s) Description:

To the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information presented in this application is true and correct. If approved, the Averill Park Education Foundation will be provided a copy of all PO's, requisitions and receipts as documented in the Financial Gifting Letter.

Chris Anderson
Signature of Applicant

January 17, 2020

Date

Rob Messia
Signature of Supervisor/Principal

January 17, 2020

Date


Signature of Assistant Superintendent

1/27/20

Date

Additional pages of description of your project may be added if necessary.

Please submit your completed grant application to:

**Grants Review Committee
Averill Park Education Foundation
PO Box 56
Averill Park NY 12018**