Teacher Impact Awards

Last year’s reports are in:

• 100% of respondents said the application process was clear and simple and they would apply again.
• 93% said they would have been unlikely to carry out their projects without the help of the award.

“This opportunity was extremely important to our students. Being able to provide resources for them on the weekends, that they might not otherwise have, would have not been possible without this award. The process was easy, clear and something I would do in a heartbeat again! Thank you for this opportunity.”

“I am grateful for the grant. It gave my students an opportunity that they otherwise would not have gotten due to the cost of supplies.”

“Thank you for the opportunity to provide MORE for our Tacoma students. They appreciate your help and so do we!”

2017 Award Results

Total number of Students Impacted by recipient awards: 4,025

What we received:
• 104 applications
• $103,500 in requests

What we funded:
• $30,000 for 29 projects (16 Elementary, 5 Middle, 8 High)
• 12 of 47 $500 requests
• 10 of 34 $1,000 requests
• 7 of 23 $2,000 requests
• All neighborhoods (North, South, Central, and East) of Tacoma
• Projects that impacted all of our Student and Community Indicators

2017 Highlighted Projects

A $500 award went to a Mason Middle School teacher who will use the funds to continue making a homemade community breakfast with her students every Thursday. Many of her students have one or many behavioral issues and they greatly benefit from cooking, eating, and cleaning up as a community. The teacher says it is the only home-cooked meal the majority of her students have all week. She was originally funding this program out of her own pocket and is very grateful to continue it with our help.

A $1,000 award went to a team of teachers at McCarver Elementary School who want to deepen their fifth grade students’ interest in STEM fields. The award will be spent on a research and engineering project for which students use windmills, solar panels, batteries, motors, and robots to build and investigate different resources and present their findings in a fifth grade exhibition.

A $2,000 all-school award went to School of the Arts (SOTA) to introduce students to community role models by having them interview community members, culminating in the production of a TV show about them at KBTC studios.
2017 Awardees

**Individual Teacher Award - $500**

Bailey Dahms  
Bryant Montessori School

Jennifer Wendt  
Edison Elementary School

Samantha Guliford  
Fawcett Elementary School

Cornelia Perez  
Fawcett Elementary School

Ginger Johnson  
Fern Hill Elementary School

Shelby Wickett  
Giaudrone Middle School

Suzanne Nicolette Lam  
Lister Elementary School

Natalee Ralph  
Mason Middle School

Phillip Lord  
Mount Tahoma High School

Crystal Lehmann  
Northeast Tacoma Elementary School

Carla Parker  
Truman Middle School

**Teacher Group Award - $1,000**

Jana Fullerton/Micki O’Deell  
Bryant Montessori School

Cynthia Iverson & Peter Briggs  
Lincoln High School

Shelia Haase  
McCarver Elementary School

Kate Kuravackal  
Meeker Middle School

Lin Riggio  
Point Defiance Elementary School

Emily Wickman  
SAMI High School

Julanne Boyd  
Sherman Elementary School

Lawrence/Render/Tindal  
Skyline Elementary School

Cheryl Hackinen/Susan Habersetzer  
Skyline Elementary School

Lisa Thompson/Clara Beam/  
Stafford Elementary School

Terry Yi/Liz McClane  

**School Award - $2,000**

Wynne Brown/ES  
Bryant Montessori School

Travor Kagochi  
Foss High School

Melissa Moffett/ES  
IDEA High School

Ariel Wojtanowicz/Miriam Amdur/ ES  
Manitou Park Elementary School

Taylor Brown/Alisa Keolker/ES  
Manitou Park Elementary School

Glenn A. Burden/ES  
Oakland High School

Brian Scannell  
SOTA High School