



Federally Impacted Schools Educational Foundation

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FISEF Announces Good Idea Grant Winners

Innovative projects will support student learning across the country

Washington, DC – February 28, 2019 – The Federally Impacted Schools Educational Foundation (FISEF), the foundation of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS), has announced the 2019 Good Idea Grant recipients.

FISEF Good Idea Grants support efforts in federally impacted school districts to address students' academic needs, make innovative curricular changes or improve student wellness. Federally impacted school districts are those located on or near nontaxable Federal property—including military installations; Indian Trust, Treaty and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act lands; Federal low-income housing facilities; and national parks, national laboratories and other Federal buildings and property—that receive Impact Aid.

This year, FISEF is pleased to award grants to the following school districts:

- **Arlee Schools** (Arlee, MT), for completion of a greenhouse that will allow elementary through high school students to raise food crops for consumption and support lessons on life cycles, nutrition, sustainability and much more. The food produced will be served in schools and given to community members who need it.
- **Menominee Indian School District** (Keshena, WI), to implement an instructional unit designed by the district's art and math departments to connect youth to indigenous mathematics knowledge through the arts of the Great Lakes Indigenous Tribes.
- **Silver Valley Unified School District** (Yermo, CA), to support a math field trip that will challenge students of varying grade and mathematic ability levels to demonstrate their understanding of Common Core Math Content Standards by applying them in novel situations.
- **Waynesville R-VI School District** (Waynesville, MO), to create and implement lessons and activities that will help students make healthier choices and form healthy life habits, addressing the need for student education in physical movement, personal health and wellness and development of healthy social relationships.

“Because of the presence of nontaxable Federal property, federally impacted school districts have unique challenges raising funds for their schools and ensuring their students have opportunities they need to maximize their potential,” said Hilary Goldmann, NAFIS Executive Director. “We are proud to support these districts through Good Idea Grants, helping them connect academic work to real-life experiences and prepare students to succeed in school and in life.”

Since launching grantmaking activities in 2015, FISEF has supported 21 projects impacting thousands of students across the country.

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The Federally Impacted Schools Educational Foundation (FISEF), established in 2000 by the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS), provides support to federally impacted public school districts in the United States. Federally impacted school districts are those located on or near nontaxable Federal property—including military installations; Indian Trust, Treaty and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act lands; Federal low-income housing facilities; and national parks, national laboratories and other Federal buildings and property. These school districts, which are demographically and geographically diverse, receive Impact Aid, a Federal education program that reimburses school districts for the lost local revenue and additional costs associated with the presence of Federal property. To learn more, visit <https://www.nafisd.org/fisef/>.