



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 – March 12, 2020 – The Federally Impacted Schools Educational Foundation (FISEF), the foundation of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS), has announced the 2020 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:

- **Elwood Community Consolidated School District #203** (Elwood, IL), to engage and empower students while increasing their literacy and critical thinking skills, funding flexible seating options and literacy supplies.
- **Los Alamitos Unified School District** (Los Alamitos, CA), to support social-emotional learning, helping students better cope with stress, build self-awareness and develop emotional regulation through yoga and mindfulness activities.
- **Oak Harbor Public Schools** (Oak Harbor, WA), to create an accessible community garden, based on the principles of Universal Design, on an elementary school playground. This space will promote equity and allow all students – including those with limited mobility – to participate in outdoor learning and hands-on science and nutrition activities, while also supporting socialization for children with diverse abilities.
- **Sacaton Elementary School District** (Sacaton, AZ), for a student-driven project to reduce the incidence of youth (and adult) suicides by connecting persons who are considering self-harm and/or who are the target of bullying with resources to provide safety through the development and promotion of a private reporting app and resource website.

“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 25 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/>.