

**West Branch - Rose City Educational Support Partnership  
Request for Proposals (RFPs) For Funding Educational Activities**

**Mission:** The Educational Support Partnership Foundation is dedicated to enabling students to achieve their potential. Its focus is the residents of the West Branch-Rose City Area School district.

**Five Grant Funding Opportunities...Note: The ESP Committee will choose which grant will apply:**

1. **ESP** -The Educational Support Partnership (ESP) began as a dream of then superintendent George Curtis. Incorporated as a nonprofit foundation in 1991, the ESP joined forces with the North Central Michigan Community Foundation in 1998. The foundation administers approximately \$50,000 in local scholarships and funds other educational opportunities for the students of the West Branch-Rose City School district. Approximately half of the ESP spendable money goes to support non-scholarship activities in the classroom; this fund supports curricular and other educational projects in West Branch-Rose City Area Schools.

*Examples of activities supported by the ESP include, but are not limited to: Supporting literacy activities; social studies projects, paying for visiting speakers, poets, authors, and motivational speakers; promoting Math and Science laboratory activities and purchasing supplemental materials; Support for the Fine Arts in the classroom.*

2. **Edwin Shiel Memorial Fund for Literacy** - Edwin Shiel was a lifetime resident of Ogemaw County, who spent over 46 years in the public schools. When he retired in 1985, he was the high school librarian. This fund supports literacy projects in WB-RC classes.

*Examples of activities that could be supported by Edwin Shiel fund target literacy: Supporting the literacy activities during March (reading month); paying for visiting poets, storytellers, and authors; literature based puppet shows; purchasing supplemental materials used in literacy activities.*

3. **Holton Fund for Math, Science and the Arts** – The Holton Fund for Math, Science and the Arts is designed to provide supplemental funds for WBRC teachers to do things above and beyond the normal scope of activities in the classroom.

*Examples of activities that could be supported by the Holton Fund: Supporting Math, Science or Fine Arts activities; paying for visiting presenters promoting Math, Science or Fine Arts laboratory activities; Math and Science competitions, purchasing supplemental materials supporting Math, Science or Fine Arts in the classroom.*

4. **Rug Dozzi Fund for Educational Technology** – The Rug Dozzi Fund for Educational Technology is designed to provide supplemental funds for WBRC teachers to acquire educational technology to strengthen their teaching and enhance their classrooms.

*Examples of things that could be supported by the Rug Dozzi Fund: Ipads, Microscope Projector, Specialized Software, or other items of technology that will support technological educational.*

5. **MARSP (Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel)** – MARSP represents all public school retirees in Michigan. Their goal is to protect the pensions and benefits of the retirees. The MARSP Foundation offers scholarships to current employees. The Ogemaw chapter of MARSP would like to offer a grant to employees of the WBRC School District.

*Examples of activities supported by the MARSP include, but are not limited to: Supporting literacy activities; social studies projects, paying for visiting speakers, poets, authors, and motivational speakers; promoting Math and Science laboratory activities and purchasing supplemental materials; Support for the Fine Arts in the classroom.*

**Grants are competitive and are funded according to the following criteria:**

- A. Serves the greatest number of students (whole school activities vs. single classroom activities)
- B. Above and beyond what the school district should provide as a part of a normal curriculum
- C. Serves as a program or curricular enhancement (supplemental activity)

**Winning proposals will be ranked and funded, totally or in part, depending upon available funds.**

These grants are administered under the auspices of the West Branch - Rose City Educational Support Partnership Foundation in conjunction with the North Central Michigan Community Foundation. A subcommittee of the ESP directors will recommend the strongest proposals to the entire board for approval.

**Time line for grant implementation:**

All five grants will accept applications in the fall from the time of release of the RFPs in September until October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Applications will be considered during November by a subcommittee of members of the ESP. This committee will collect the proposals, review grant applications, review available monies and recommend the best proposals to the full board for approval.

Final decisions will be made at the December meeting by the full board and notification of winning proposals will be within two (2) weeks following the December ESP Board meetings. Money will be dispersed within six (6) weeks of the December ESP meeting.

**Information about the Applicant**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title or Position: \_\_\_\_\_

School Building: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Information about the Project**

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Project (600 characters; if more information is necessary, please attach an additional sheet)

Amount of Funds requested (maximum is \$500): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# of Students involved: \_\_\_\_\_

#of Faculty/staff involved: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Starting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Ending Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Along with

1. Your application, please provide
2. a narrative for your project (above)
3. with a detailed budget for the requested funds
4. and a short letter of support from your building administrator
3. & additional information (pictures, quotes, etc., if you have them)

**Submit your requests to:**

**WB-RC Educational Support Partnership Attn: Superintendent  
Funding Educational Activities  
P. O. Box 308  
West Branch, MI 48661**

**APPLICANT FINAL CHECKLIST:**

- ✓ Application Page
- ✓ Description of Project (narrative)
- ✓ Budget for Project
- ✓ Letter from Building Principal
- ✓ Additional Information  
(like pictures, pricing quotes, etc.,  
if available)

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: October 31, 2023**

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*This Section is for ESP Committee Use Only* (please do NOT mark in this section).

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\_\_\_\_ Edwin Shiel

\_\_\_\_ Holton

\_\_\_\_ Rug Dozzi

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