

Initiative Grant Review Report – 2022

1. **Music Labs**, Mankato East and Mankato West High Schools, Brady Krusemark, Grades 9-12

Amount Requested: \$40,100.00 Amount Awarded \$40,100.00

This request is for the purchase of equipment that will be used for the creation of a new Music Tech class at Mankato East and Mankato West High Schools. This course will be an alternative to the traditional music ensembles, and the goal is to attract students that are traditionally under-represented in the current music offerings. In this course, students will utilize the new music labs in order to learn the basics of composition, beat-making, sound design, and music theory and they will create original works throughout the semester. This course will be open to any student in grades 9-12 and no prior experience or knowledge will be required. The equipment requested includes: 30 Apple Mac Minis, 30 monitors, 30 midi keyboards, 30 sets of headphones, & 30 licenses for Apple Education Bundle. Also included are the school district staff's cost for installing the hardware and software and for the addition of 30 seats to the mobile device management system for 5 years.

2. **Student Run School Store/Coffee Shop**, West High School, Amanda Whiteis, Grades 9-12

Amount Requested: \$53,889.00 Amount Awarded: \$53,899.00

This request is for materials and equipment for the construction and operation of a student-run store and coffee shop at West High School. This project will be a collaborative effort: ISG has partnered with the Interior Design class to create the design of the space. The Construction class make the renovations. The Sales and Marketing class develop the branding; the Graphic Design class will create the signage. The business will be run by DECA students, and special education students in Career Creations will work in the coffee shop. The Sales and Marketing, and Entrepreneur students will be selling their products in the store. Teachers from the various departments will supervise, but the students will be running the business. This project will provide the school a student created and operated business. Students will engage in real world application of the skills they are learning through the curriculum. Students will develop 21st century skills such as problem solving, critical thinking, collaboration, financial literacy, creativity, and innovation. They will have the opportunity to develop leadership and self-advocacy skills. This project will extend their classroom experience in a variety of career pathways, such as business management, finance, hospitality, marketing, architecture and construction, arts, audio-visual technology and communication, and information technology. Total project budget is \$150,000. The project will be funded by two other grants, including a \$40,000 Future-Ready CTE grant.

3. **Physical Anthropology/Hominid Anthropology**, East High School, Tim Meegan, Grades 9-12

Amount Requested: \$2,084.00 Amount Awarded: \$2,084.00

This request is for the purchase of life size resin replicas of prehistoric hominid skulls as well as a modern human skull to be used as learning tools in the World History class that addresses the Paleolithic age. These hands-on learning tools will be used by students in collaborative groups. The students will analyze the structure of the skulls to draw conclusions about the lifestyles and physical capabilities of our Paleolithic ancestors and compare those structures to a modern human skull. Through artifact analysis, students will make inferences and draw conclusions based on physical evidence, developing their critical thinking skills in a collaborative learning environment. Furthermore, this project may encourage students to pursue careers in biology/anatomy, physical anthropology, archaeology. This project will impact over 100 students per year annually and repeat every late September/early October.

Initiative Grants Funded in 2009 – \$54,259
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Initiative Grants Funded in 2013 – \$63,146
Initiative Grants Funded in 2014 - \$55,000
Initiative Grants Funded in 2015 - \$64,209

Initiative Grants Funded in 2016 - \$43,626
Initiative Grants Funded in 2017 - \$88,819
Initiative Grants Funded in 2018 - \$92,395
Initiative Grants Funded in 2019 - \$57,124
Initiative Grants Funded in 2020 - \$76,223
Initiative Grants Funded in 2021 – \$40,282
Initiative Grants Awarded in 2022 – \$96,083

Total Initiative Grants Funded since 1995 - \$1,236,269