

Keely Spinelli Education Grant Guidelines

PURPOSE

To Bink's Forest Elementary, Elbridge Gale Elementary, Emerald Cove Middle, Equestrian Trail Elementary, New Horizons Elementary, Palm Beach Central High, Panther Run Elementary, Polo Park Middle, Wellington Elementary, Wellington Landings Middle and Wellington High by providing funding for programs, instructional materials and/or equipment for students within the lowest 25% in reading and/or math.

FUNDING

Total budget for the grant program is \$275,000. Each of the eleven public schools serving Wellington will be eligible for a maximum of \$25,000 in annual funding. The Education Committee will review and approve all requests for funding prior to each school receiving grant funds. Allocated funds will be kept in a segregated account within each school. Any funds not encumbered by August 30th may be utilized by the school for allowable expenses during the current school year. School with unencumbered funds must identify the proposed use of those funds prior to receiving current year funding. Approval of continued activities is at the discretion of the Education Committee.

ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES

Eligible schools will be required to submit a proposed, prioritized budget with the application for final approval. Schools will be eligible to utilize the funds for non-consumable curriculum materials defined as those materials which are not meant to be written in or consumed by student, these materials are meant to be reissued to students year after year. This prohibits using the funds to purchase everyday classroom material such as chalk, markers, paper, ink, pens, etc. The use of funds to supplement a salary that is not already budgeted by the school district is an allowable expense. Schools will be required to submit invoices for all expenditures by September 1st of each funding year.

DATA SUMMARY REPORT

Each school is required to complete and submit by August of each funding year a detailed Data Summary Report showing how the students performed throughout the school year. The Data Summary will include academic growth, instructional objectives, strategies, and outcomes. Failure to submit a report to the Committee will make the school ineligible to receive funding for the following year.