St. Anthony School Programs

St. Anthony's Extension

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PURPOSE

The St. Anthony's Extension is made possible by St. Anthony School Programs' organization in conjunction with the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. This initiative seeks to expand the St. Anthony's mission to build the capacity of community Catholic schools within the Diocese of Pittsburgh to support students with learning needs.

The St. Anthony's Extension represents a new initiative within our Organizations' primary mission of supporting students with special needs.

ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible, the following criteria must be met:

- Be a school operating within the Diocese of Pittsburgh
- Be a school that currently serves children K-12
- Be able to report the use of funds within the required period, and express need in all three funding categories

The following are NOT eligible:

- Any school that does not currently operate inside the Diocese of Pittsburgh
- Any school at the collegiate level
- Any organization only serving children below the kindergarten level (i.e. daycare or preschool)
- Any agency outside of the Pittsburgh Diocese
- Any organization operating as a part-time or after school program

DEADLINES

All grant applications and must be completed and submitted in their entirety by the deadlines listed below.

Requirement	Deadline
St. Anthony Extension Application	Saturday, December 31, 2022, by 11:59 PM

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications must be completed and submitted online at stanthonykids.org.

You will receive an email confirmation shortly after submittal. If you do not receive one, please reach out to our Development Coordinator, Elizabeth Osborn for assistance on all application questions.

PROCESS

Initially during this school year, three schools will be awarded the St. Anthony's Extension grant of $42,000. Grant awards will be based on a committee review process through the Extension Committee at St. Anthony's. The committee is comprised of St. Anthony School Programs administrators, board members, and Diocese representatives. Grant applications will be reviewed based on the following:

Ensures that the St. Anthony's Extension Grant will help support more students with learning needs that is a barrier to academic growth of the student.

Applications will be evaluated based off of these areas:

Educational Need: the school identifies and discusses the volume and/or percentage of the student population with learning needs.

Inclusivity: the school is dedicated to promoting inclusivity of _all_ students and support their growth

Outreach: The organization demonstrates that it will make a significant effort to reach additional students and expand and sustain the numbers of students enrolled in Catholic school programs.

Programmatic excellence: the school states that they are committed to carrying out the St. Anthony's Extension as outlined and that funding will be allotted for supporting students with special needs. St. Anthony's believes that development of the program will be monitored and reported back to us in a way that academic success of children with disabilities are being served to the highest potential.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The allotted grant award is to be used in all the categories specified. St. Anthony's has developed three areas in which funding; Learning Support Staff (part-time), Technology/Curriculum, and Training.

Learning Support Staff, part time:

- Fund a certified part time teacher to serve in the role of supporting students with learning needs, and collaborating with other school staff on instructional strategies, curriculum, inclusion, and improving overall student progress.
- On average, part-time is 21-24 hours per week during the academic year at $30.00 per hour

Technology/Curriculum:

- Expand and increase a school's ability to use technology or curriculum to support students with learning differences. Examples of technology may include new Smartboards, computers, or iPads. Examples of curriculum may include software programs to improve reading skills, or development instructional math programs, to adjust math deficits and promote individualized learning

Training:

- Increase training and professional development for teachers, and for all relevant school staff who interact with students with special needs. Training would focus on supporting students with learning disabilities throughout the school day, and in different classrooms and settings, such as gym class or music class. Professional development would aim to build the capacity of the school to support students with special needs and promote inclusivity of all students.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS: *to be filled out on the application form*

General Information:

1. Please tell us the name of your School
2. Does your school operate within the Diocese of Pittsburgh?
3. Please provide the address of your school, including: street name, city, state, and zip code.
4. Please provide your IRS EIN number.

Contact Information:

1. Applicant first and last name
2. Position at organization
3. Telephone number (including area code)
4. Email address
5. Contacts affiliated with organization and eligible to execute this grant

Proposal Details:

1. Please describe how the St. Anthony's Extension will benefit your school
2. How many students with learning differences and additional special needs would the St. Anthony's Extension serve?
3. How could this initiative increase the academic success of students with special needs?

4. How does your mission align with those outlined in the St. Anthony's Extension initiative description?
5. What is the impact that this initiative will have on your organization as a whole?
6. What do you anticipate to be the outcomes if the St. Anthony's Extension grant was offered to your school?
7. How does your school plan to utilize the funding within the categories of part-time learning support staff, technology/curriculum, and training? *Please see attachments to complete Project Budget
8. What leadership/staff within your school will oversee the use of funds?

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. Project Budget
   a. St. Anthony's Extension Project Budget
2. AUN Documentation
3. Optional information: If you would like to provide additional information about your school, you may do so here. For instance, you may want to provide your current strategic plan or testimonials to help us better understand or see how you are meeting the educational achievements of your students

REPORTING PROCESS

We will measure the success of the St. Anthony's Extension by requiring progress reports due back from our grant recipients. The awarded grantees will be informed of this process shortly after receiving funding.

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