

Donegal Foundation Professional Grant

Additional EITC Instruction Sheet

(This information is from the director of the EITC Grant Department in Harrisburg.)

EITC funded grant has basically 3 criteria:

- 1. Innovative idea that is above and beyond the curriculum.**
- 2. The idea must add value to the curriculum.**
- 3. The idea must use advanced academics.**

In addition:

- Your idea must be INNOVATIVE – NOT just a request for materials. The materials must be directly tied to an innovative program.
- Your idea needs to enhance your **academic** program.
- Your idea needs to involve advanced **academics**, and to embellish your **academic** subjects.
- Your idea **CANNOT** be related to life skills, “soft” skills, behavioral plans, prevention, tutoring, remediation, mentoring, leadership, or testing prep.
- Literacy grants will be approved for grades K – 3.
- “Straight” literacy grants will NOT be approved for Grade 4 and above. (It is the school’s responsibility to have students reading at grade level by Grade 4.)
- **No** physical education grants will be approved.
- Grants involving music, the arts, and artists and authors in residence are usually granted.
- Grants may not in any way replace something that is the obligation of the public school. (No grant money can be used to upgrade or change the infrastructure of a school.)

Additional information: The committee is comprised of a director and 4 analysts. When grants are received, the director first checks them to be sure they follow the guidelines. He then gives them to the analysts who review them and make a recommendation to approve or not approve. The final approval comes from the director himself. No member of the committee is an educator.