



Date: October 1, 2024
 To: PTSA General Membership
 From: PTSA Grants Committee & PTSA Executive Board
 Re: Fall 2024 Grant Cycle 1 Recommendations

The Grants Committee met on September 17, 2024 to review some of the grants received in the first grant cycle. We approved 7 grants for a total estimated cost of \$12,602.80.

The next grant cycle ends October 29th, 2024 We will meet again in October, and provide our next round of recommendations by the following PTSA Board Meeting on November 19th.

Request No.	Project Name	Project Cost	Committee Recommendation	PTSA Funding Amount
F24-1	Statistics Workbooks “For the past 4 years, AP Stats teachers (Ambrose and Bookwalter) have made thousands of paper copies of daily lessons/activities for the entire course that often include new data and contexts, rather than always using the problems from the outdated version (and style) of the currently adopted district text. Due to budgetary concerns and the strain it places on the machines, we would like to provide students with a book of daily lessons/activities/problems.” Benefits 280 students.	\$1,412.80	Approve	\$1,412.80
F24-2	WebWork Calculus Program “Student will have access to a MAA/NSF funded online program "Webwork" to work on Calculus problems getting immediate feedback. Typically student discuss problems together.” Benefits 80 students.	\$100	Approve	\$100
F24-3	Retro Camera Photography “My architecture and media arts students will use retro cameras (reusable) to create a photo	\$6000	Partial	\$1500



	<p>art installation focused on the Lowell community and their local neighborhoods in SF. The students will choose one person to highlight, creating a biographic depiction of their daily activities, passions, and possessions, through photographs and interviews. Architecture students will focus on the spaces and the people that call these spaces home, while Media Arts students will focus on the possessions and everyday objects that people use to carry on living in the Bay Area. Ideally, we would create a Gallery Showing in Room 76 for parents, students, staff members, and community members to visit. We also plan to collaborate with SF State's Design Gallery (I have collaborated with them last year) to showcase our art installation of photographic works. ”</p> <p>Benefits 215 students</p>			
F24-4	<p>CA Math League - HS Contest</p> <p>“The math contest is administered during the meetings of the Lowell Mathematics Society, but non-members are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Each year, approximately 50 students participate in at least 1 round, with roughly 20 students participating in all 6 rounds.”</p>	\$100	Approve	\$100
F24-5	<p>Cheer Safety Mats</p> <p>“Lowell Cheer plans to utilize the funds granted by the PTSA to purchase new cheerleading safety mats, cheer mat storage bags, Velcro tape to connect each mat panel, and mat strap holders. ”</p> <p>Benefits 35 cheer athletes and the Lowell community that attends sports games and performances</p>	\$15000	Partial	\$7500
F24-6	JROTC Core Program	\$2900	Partial	\$1300



	<p>“Lowell JROTC is unique. We qualify for national JROTC competitions nearly every year in Cyberpatriot, Vex Robotics, Aerial Drone Competition, Raider Challenge, and JROTC Academic Bowl. Although the Army funds about 90% of our equipment, travel, and meal expenses for competitions, the JROTC core program still has approximately \$8,700 in unreimbursed annual expenses. We can fundraise for 1/3 of this (\$2900) and possibly obtain 1/3 (\$2900) from the Lowell Alumni Association. ”</p> <p>Approximately 160 students are benefitting directly each semester.</p>			
F24-7	<p>JROTC Drum Corp Maintenance</p> <p>“The Lowell Drum Corp is Lowell's "Marching Band" equivalent and performs at Lowell events (8th Grade Night, Spirit Rallies, games) and at San Francisco Events (Chinese New Year's Parade, Veterans Day Parade, Unity Day Parade, and a Spring Competition). SFUSD does NOT provide any funds to the Lowell Drum Corp. The funds will be used to maintain the Drum Corps instruments by funding the cost of drum heads, drum sticks, new instruments and tone bars. ”</p> <p>About 40 students are directly involved in the Drum Corp.</p>	\$690	Approve	\$690

Grants Committee Members: **Mihir, Naomi, Christine, Jennifer, Jacqueline, Carson, Linda, Alena, Ken, Dan, Gillian, Tracey, Terry,**

* Names in **BOLD** were present at September 17th meeting