

Professional Growth Application Guidelines

School District 64, Gulf Islands

Funding Overview:

All teachers in the district, including TTOCs, are eligible to apply for up to \$700 per year in the Professional Growth Individual programs. School or district groups may also apply for Pro-D and Pro-G funding (up to \$600 per GITA member). For both Pro-D and Pro-G, funding is available as long as the pools of money last.

Pro-D funds are generally used for individual events such as conferences and workshops, whereas Pro-G funds may be accessed in order to support long-term educational goals.

Professional Growth Funding:

Is available to all GITA members who are involved in ongoing professional growth endeavors. In order to apply for Professional Growth funds, GITA members can submit a Professional Growth application form to aszul@sd64.org. Application forms can be found on the district website.

Applications must be submitted by October 1 each year. A minimum of 20% of the fund will be held for a second intake accepted on February 1. A third intake on April 1 will be subject to availability of funds.

The Pro Growth Committee will review all applications. The committee includes the Chair, two GITA reps and two School Board reps. If approved, the application will be signed, given a number and sent back to the member. If it is not approved, the member will be given an explanation.

Categories of Professional Growth Funding

Teachers can apply for funding for up to two of the following programs; learning activities are to be completed within the financial school year (July 1 - June 30):

1. Individual Programs (up to \$700*):

- teachers engaged in a Masters program
- teachers enrolled in a course
- teachers attending a series of workshops or conferences with a single focus
- teachers implementing new programs approved by the school board, with a letter from the superintendent

2. Retraining Programs (up to \$1200*):

- teachers assigned by principal to teach a significantly new subject area
- teachers assigned by principal to teach a significantly new grade level
- teachers assigned by principal to teach a significantly new program

3. Group Programs (up to \$600* per group member):

- school-based groups or district groups
- all teachers must be named on applications
- if applicable, school plans should be attached to the application form

4. Facilitator Grants (up to \$1200*):

- teachers who are training to become trainers of other teachers in our district

***Note: allocations are for the 2023/24 school year**

If you have any questions please contact the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association President or the Superintendent of Schools.