



Guidelines and Processes for Innovation Funds



In the November election of 2014, the taxpayers of the Boulder Valley School District passed the largest Bond ever in the history of the state of Colorado. The \$576 million dollar bond package will help provide much needed capital improvements to our district's buildings. The renovations will be partnered with a focus on Educational Innovation. We strive to ensure that our building improvements align with our district's strategic plan, [The Success Effect](#), and that we are thinking critically about what kind of learning environments best meet the needs of our students of today and for our students of the future.

[The Success Effect's](#) vision for education aspires to *develop our children's greatest abilities and make possible the discovery and pursuit of their dreams which, when fulfilled, will benefit us all. We provide a comprehensive and innovative approach to education and graduate successful, curious, lifelong learners who confidently confront the greatest challenges of their time.* The implementation of these innovation funds will act as a catalyst to engage students in learning that actualizes our vision.

The bond includes *Innovation Funds* for each school (\$200,000 for elementary schools, \$400,000 for middle schools and \$800,000 for high schools). These funds will become available to schools during their assigned bond Phase. The guidelines and process below will seek to align our work with [The Success Effect](#) and the [BVSD Innovation Guidelines](#) to the allocation of each site's Innovation Funds.

Aligning Your Project to the *The Success Effect*, BVSD's Innovation Guidelines, and Teaching and Learning Practices

Ultimately, our hope is that the implementation of the bond funds to re-imagining learning spaces will have a positive impact on teaching and learning practices. BVSD has created [this planning tool](#) to help your school align the use of the funds to highly effective teaching practices as defined by our Educator Effectiveness Standards. The matrix also will assist schools in aligning environmental opportunities to teaching and learning practices.

Accessing your site's Innovation Funds

1. Please set up a time to meet with Kiffany Lychock (Director of Educational Innovation) and Dave Eggen (Innovation/Bond Support). The meeting should be about an hour in length and will consist of a conversation about your building needs and potential ideas that you have for using your innovation funds. This meeting can be scheduled through Kristina Crain.
2. Complete [this google form](#) to have your proposal reviewed and approved. **Note: Funding may be combined with other line items from the bond.*
3. Your proposal will be reviewed and you will be notified of approval or of any necessary revisions within 2 weeks.
4. Once approved, you will need to meet with your Project Manager to develop a budget for your Innovation Project.