PEF Grants
Online Application

PEF Grants 2026-2027

Application Date *(Required)*

11/24/26

School Name *(Required)*

McCarthy/Brown

Applicant's Name *(Required)*

Jill Houlden - McCarthy, Diane Bugler - Brown

Principal's Name *(Required)*

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Applicant's Phone *(Required)*

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Grant proposals should be aligned with school and district goals. Have you shared your application with your principal AND are they in support of your proposal? *(Required)*

- (•) Yes
- ( ) No
- ( ) I don't know

Title of Proposed Program: *(Required)*

Hands on History with the Peabody Historical Society

Program Focus (please check one): *(Required)*

- ( ) Class
- (•) Grade
- ( ) School/Dept

Type of Program (please check one): *(Required)*

- (•) Creative Learning (academic based)
- ( ) Mental Wellness "HOPE"

Target population: Grade(s) *(Required)*

Grade 3 McCarthy, Grade 5 Brown

Number of students *(Required)*

120

Proposed start date *(Required)*

Spring 2026

Total amount requested *(Required)*

$1,000.00

Vendor's Name *(Required)*

Amazon

Vendor's email address *(Required)*

cs-reply@amazon.com

Vendor's mailing address *(Required)*

410 Terry Ave

Street Address

Address Line 2

Seattle

City

Washington

State

98109

ZIP Code

Vendor's phone number *(Required)*

555-555-5555

Vendor's Taxpayer ID# *(Required)*

XX-XXXXXXX

Description of proposed program *(Required)*

The Peabody Historical Society would like to partner with the eight Elementary Schools to use the vast array of resources and their properties to solidify the learning of the third and fifth graders in relation to the social studies curriculum. This would complement the field trip program to the George Peabody house for third graders and Leather Museum for fourth graders by covering a different aspect in Peabody's history. Current and retired teachers have met with Sophia Ritcher from the Peabody Historical Society to plan field trips that would be a year in review of the curriculum. The plan is to use the resources and artifacts at the Felton houses and Smith Barn to create learning stations based on different time periods. Additional resources would be brought to the locations from other Historical Society properties to add to the impact of the field trip. For the first year, third grade students at The McCarthy School and fifth grade students at The Brown School would pilot the field trip to help work out logistics and any kinks that may arise, with the hopes of extending future field trips to include all third and fifth graders from each of the eight elementary schools. Additionally, volunteers from Peabody Learning Academy would assist the Historical Society leaders at each station. We have met to create stations and activities that support the social studies curriculum in each grade, planning activities and using artifacts and materials owned by the Historical Society. There is ample space between the houses and barn to separate kids into smaller groups where they will be able to explore and utilize materials provided to strengthen the knowledge gained in the classroom and provide a hands-on experience. In addition, students will see how members of the Peabody community experienced life in these time periods.

Our plan after the field trips is to reevaluate what worked and what we need to change or expand upon. The Amazon wish list for this year includes some items that are one time costs, but others such as supplies that students use in stations will need to be purchased on a larger scale to accommodate students in third and fifth grades at each school. Additionally, in using the space there is a $350 cleaning fee. The total requested amount is for the Amazon purchases ($650) and the cleaning fee($350).

Objectives and Benefits of Proposed Program *(Required)*

Our team has met several times to review the curriculum and standards of each grade and has planned activities that will support the learning using the resources available from the Historical Society as well as purchased materials for activities. The Historical Society is willing and able to transport artifacts they have at different locations to the Felton/Smith historic sites to create an engaging, memorable field trip experience that is in line with the standards for each grade all while giving kids the hands-on experiences and visuals. The children will not only have a better understanding of what they learned in class but will also better understand how their community played a role and how the Historical Society still works to preserve these important time periods.

The main objectives and the benefits we see for students are
-To review and strengthen their knowledge gained during the year
- Learning from primary sources as they engage with artifacts such as a cannon ball from the Battle of Lexington and Concord
-To expose students to the role of their own community in the past time periods
-To appreciate the present as they see the Brooksby Farm area, hopefully wanting to return with members of their families
-To see the value of the Historical Society and the role they could play in the future of it
-Enjoy history through hands on experiences
-Work collaboratively on tasks in each station
-Give the Peabody Learning Academy students volunteer and career building opportunities in the fields of history and education
-Share the experience with their families
-Excite kids about history - - we think kids will love seeing an actual cannon ball from the Revolutionary War and making Puritan games they can take home

Please list all costs associated with this grant proposal:

Supplies/materials:

Supplies/Material	Cost
Amazon	$650

Purchased Services (consultants, speakers):

Purchased Services (consultants, speakers)	Cost

Other Costs (including shipping and handling):

Other Costs (including shipping and handling)	Cost
cleaning fee historical society properties	$350

Total Request:

$1,000.00

Supplemental Information

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