



4 Things CTA Members Should Know About Applying for an IFT Grant

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Since 2010, the CTA Institute for Teaching has been utilizing a portion of CTA members' \$20 voluntary dues contribution to fund strength-based teacher driven projects at schools all over California. To date, the IFT has funded 643 grant projects totaling more than \$7.6 million. All CTA members are eligible to apply for an Educator grant (up to \$5,000) or an Impact grant (up to \$20,000).

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This is a competitive grant program. Grant proposals are evaluated by the IFT Grant Selection Committee, made up of four educators from around the state and the IFT Program Consultant. These educators represent various grade levels and are experienced in the strength-based approach. To date, the IFT has received a total of 1,883 grant applications.

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The grant application period opens on **December 1, 2024**. **Applications will be due no later than March 31, 2025**. Links to supporting documents and other information can be accessed from the IFT website. In May 2025, grant proposals will be reviewed by the Grant Selection Committee, using the Strength-Based Equity Matrix as a lens. The committee will select grant proposals to recommend for funding to the IFT Board of Directors.

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In June 2025, the IFT Board of Directors will vote to approve the grant proposal recommendations. In July 2025, notification of funding will be sent to all applicants (awarded and non-awarded). Grant funds will be distributed in August 2025, for use during the upcoming school year. As part of the application process, Local Association Presidents are asked to agree to have the Local Association serve as the fiscal agent on behalf of the grant recipient. This increases accountability and ensures the individual member incurs no tax liability.