The CTA Institute for Teaching (IFT) is dedicated to supporting strength-based teaching and learning. Central to this is an equity-based model for teacher-driven change and professional learning. Educators are extremely valuable to teaching our students, increasing the quality of our schools, and advancing our public educational system. The IFT is dedicated to supporting CTA members in developing, leading and implementing quality programs and initiatives in their schools, districts, and school communities.

**Current IFT Programs & Resources**

- **IFT Grant Program** *(Application period opens December 1, 2023)*
  The $5,000-$20,000 strength-based grants are designed for TK-12 teachers and certificated support staff, ESP members, and college instructors. Proposals are reviewed through the lens of IFT’s strength-based equity matrix by an IFT Grant Selection committee composed of outstanding educators. To date, CTA members have funded over 569 grants totaling over $6.7 million.

- **Teacher Innovation Expo** *(Returning 2025)*
  The Expo, presented as part of the pre-Good Teaching Conference, is a showcase of exemplary awarded and implemented IFT Grants. Grantees present their strength-based projects from a wide variety of grade levels, geographic areas, size, and student demographics. The Expo provides an opportunity for educators to share exemplary projects and practices, engage with fellow educators, and build their capacity to innovate.

- **Parent-Teacher Home Visit Project**
  The IFT supports home visits to build strong home-to-school connections between families and educators. IFT supports the Parent-Teacher Home Visit project goal of increasing positive student-teacher-parent outcomes. Families, teachers, and students benefit when strong relations are built with the goal of increasing student success.

For more information, please visit [www.cta.org/ift](http://www.cta.org/ift)