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AELF Launches Teacher Enhancement Mini-Grant Program

Investing in Innovation. Cultivating Leadership.

TALLAHASSEE, FL — The Alpha Educational & Leadership Foundation, Inc. (AELF) is proud to announce the launch of the **AELF Teacher Enhancement Mini-Grant Program (AELF-TEMP)**, a new community initiative providing direct classroom funding to Leon County educators for the **2026 to 2027 grant cycle**. Anchored in the theme “Investing in Innovation. Cultivating Leadership,” AELF-TEMP awards mini-grants of **\$350** to individual teachers whose projects strengthen enrichment, innovation, and leadership development for students.

Purpose of the Program

AELF believes great classrooms are built by great teachers. AELF-TEMP exists to remove small financial barriers that often stand between an educator’s best ideas and the students who would benefit from them. Through these mini-grants, AELF invests in classroom innovation, hands-on enrichment, and the cultivation of student leadership across public, charter, private, and home-school settings serving grades 3 through 12.

Who Should Apply

- Leon County classroom teachers in public, charter, or private schools
- Home-school instructors of record serving grades 3 through 12
- Educators leading enrichment, leadership, STEM, literacy, arts, or experiential projects

Funding Priorities

- **Classroom Supplies & Materials** that support hands-on learning
- **Technology Enhancements** that expand student access and skills
- **Experiential Learning** such as field experiences, guest speakers, and project-based work
- **Curriculum Enrichment** aligned to literacy, STEM, leadership, and the arts

How to Apply

Educators may apply online at **www.aelfoundation.org/grants** or by requesting a fillable application from the AELF Programs Team. Applications open **August 15, 2026** and close **September 30, 2026**. Up to **ten (10) proposals** will be funded for the 2026 to 2027 cycle, with awards announced in October 2026.

About AELF

The Alpha Educational & Leadership Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization headquartered in Tallahassee, Florida. AELF advances the academic achievement, leadership development, and well-being of youth through scholarship, mentorship, and community partnership.

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