

## David T. Howard Middle School PTO Grant Program

As part of the PTO's vision to make every child's potential a reality, we are excited to offer grants to our teachers, students and clubs to help our students grow and learn. Applications for grants are accepted on a rolling basis, as long as PTO grant funds remain available. The PTO offers three (3) types of grants<sup>1</sup>:

## • Teacher Grants

Teacher Grants are awarded to teachers on a competitive basis after evaluation by a PTO Grants Committee comprised of DT Howard PTO parent(s), the school business manager and/or principal. Grant applicants may not serve on the committee. Areas evaluated include the number of students who will benefit from the project, the level of need at DT Howard for the project, the likelihood of success and the sustainability of the project.

Priority will be given to new proposals over previously funded projects, although the latter are eligible. Grants are not intended to be a permanent funding mechanism for projects, so if a project is funded, other permanent funding should be secured. Partial funding is available.

Grants <u>cannot</u> be used for snacks/food items, teacher training, salaries, consumable goods, or items that "go home" with the student (such as individual trophies or medals). All items funded through the grants program will become the property of DT Howard Middle School. Additional teacher grant opportunities that would pay for classroom incentives are available through <u>DonorsChoose</u>. However, DonorsChoose requires teachers to use their vendors.

Click <u>here</u> to apply for a Teacher Grant.

## Student Activity Grants

Student Activity Grants are awarded to students participating in clubs or activities (such as a music trip) that include a fee or expense. The PTO pays awarded funds directly to the club or class hosting the activity. The application process is confidential and is submitted to the student's counselor.

Click <u>here</u> to apply for a Student Activity Grant.

## • Club Grants

Club Grants<sup>2</sup> are awarded to school clubs. Priority is given to applications that use the funds to benefit the entire club and to activities that allow participation by all interested students. Grant money will not be awarded for items such as consumables (food/drinks), personalized uniforms, or individual trophies and medals. All equipment/materials purchased with PTO grant money belong to DT Howard Middle School.

Click <u>here</u> to apply for a Club Grant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The PTO Grant Program does not fund technology needs (i.e. Chromebooks, iPads, etc.). To be considered for a technology grant, please contact Ms. Antone.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The PTO Grant Program does not fund athletic teams. **Grants for athletic teams should be directed to the DT Howard Athletic Booster Club**.