



**CUERO ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION
GRANTS AWARDED 2017**

GRANT NAME	CAMPUS BENEFITTED	AMOUNT FUNDED	SUMMARY
1. Cardio Fitness - One Beat at a Time	JCF, Hunt, CIS	\$4,501.42	Drumfit has been dubbed the "Netflix of PE curriculum." Gone are the days of "popping in a DVD" to workout. By adding this program and the latest technology, we will equip students with successful lifetime fitness strategies. The web-based curriculum is updated monthly which gives us the unique ability to deliver current class content and the very latest music. Every 40 minute class includes at least 20 minutes of non-stop, fun, continuous cardiovascular activity. We will teach kids how to achieve and maintain their target heart rate one beat at a time.
2. FitPro Balls for Seating in the Special Ed Rooms within CIS	CIS	\$379.66	FitPro Balls will promote good posture, strengthen the core, and have been shown to improve attention span. These balls would be used as an alternative to a regular classroom chair. Students who receive special education services may have attention deficits or sensory disorders. With these chairs, our hope is to eliminate redirection time because these chairs allow the students to engage in constant movement, allowing their brains to be engaged. According to the article published by the American Journal of OT, sitting on therapy balls improved behavior and legible word productivity.
3. Imagination Playground	JCF	\$4,995.50	Today's school children are engaging in less active play than any previous generation. Providing the students of John C. French the opportunity to purchase a set of Big Blue Blocks from Imagination Playground will provide an essential tool for teachers to integrate mathematics, science and literacy in a unique way. Block play will advance the development of language/communication skills, problem solving, along with promoting a level of social-emotional development that is necessary for overall student success in the 21st Century.

4. I Need A Job, Too!	CHS	\$5,000.00	Getting a job for most people is a natural step into adulthood, but for students with cognitive disabilities, employment can seem impossible. Unfortunately, teaching job skills in the school setting is often pushed aside due to the big push for rigorous academics. Project Discovery bridges the gap between cognitive ability and employability skills by offering hands-on kits that focus on specific job skills with varying ability levels available for teaching and assessing. The system allows teachers to integrate academic and career/technical education as students discover the math, science and language skills needed to perform job tasks and, thus, encourages students to further academic pursuits to help achieve goals.
5. Lend A Helping Hand 2017-18	JCF, Hunt, CIS, CJHS, CHS	\$2,000.00	The community of Cuero has been hit really hard over the past year. We have had a tremendous layoff in a large part of the workforce in our area. The school district is feeling the effects, with an increased student need in many areas, such as school supplies, clothing, food, and children needing special services, such as haircuts, glasses, and medical needs. Hygiene seems to be suffering as well at all levels. Without these items, our students cannot be successful at school. The "Lend A Helping Hand" grant will enable the District to assist families in need who would not otherwise be able to provide these necessary items for their children.
6. Life Skills Sensory/Dramatic Play Room	Hunt	\$1,103.82	The dramatic play equipment (refrigerator, stove and sink units) are designed to help stimulate 'real life' learning experiences. These experiences will expand the overall cognitive abilities of each student.
7. Read for Success (Reading is FUNdamental Program)	JCF, Hunt	\$1,500.00	Reading is Fundamental (RIF) is a book distribution program that expanded across the nation to provide free books to children to start their very own home libraries. In 1975, Congress began providing federal matching funds to schools that applied & qualified for the RIF National Program. Cuero ISD started the RIF Book Distribution Program in the late 1970's with local supporters matching federal funds that were awarded. The program reached students in grades K through 5. In 2007 our RIF Program began serving students in grades PreK through 3 due to federal budget cuts. In 2012 federal funds were no longer available and our RIF program was able to continue due to local supporters sponsoring book distributions. The CISD Education Foundation will be the sole sponsor of the book distribution scheduled for March 2017 at John C. French & Hunt Elementary as a result of this grant.

8. Reading is FUNdamental at CIS	CIS	\$2,200.00	Reading is Fundamental (RIF) is a book distribution program that began 50 years ago & expanded across the nation to provide free books to children to start their very own home libraries. In 1975, Congress began providing federal matching funds to schools that applied and qualified for the program. Cuero ISD started the RIF Book Distribution Program in the late 1970's with local supporters matching federal funds that were awarded and served students in grades K through 5. Beginning in 2007 our RIF Program began serving students in grades PreK through 3 due to federal budget cuts. In 2012 federal funds were no longer available and our RIF program was able to continue due to local supporters sponsoring book distributions. The CISD Education Foundation will be the sole sponsor of the book distribution scheduled for February 2017 at Cuero Intermediate School as a result of this grant.
9. Seating for Success	Hunt	\$4,778.68	Have you ever tried to capture the attention of a room full of wiggly, distracted third-graders? Trust us, it's not easy! Therefore, we would like to offer flexible seating options for our students. After experimenting with standing, kneeling, rocking, bouncing, and kicking elastic fidget bands (as well as more traditional seating), students can choose the arrangement that best suits their own learning style. We believe that allowing students choices and comfort will help improve their concentration and interest in the classroom. This, in turn, should lead to fewer discipline problems and greater student achievement.
10. Shattered Dreams	CHS	\$1,532.95	Shattered Dreams was created to prevent the horrible consequences resulting from teen drinking and driving. Students will visibly engage their peers through role playing and show how poor choices can lead to devastating, life-changing situations and alter their futures forever. These concepts become more concrete as students act out the deaths, injuries, and legal implications involved when they choose to drink and then get behind the wheel or to get into a vehicle with someone who is intoxicated. Shattered Dreams is an educational program, and many teens carry these life lessons with them for many years to come. It encompasses school administration, faculty, students, law enforcement, emergency medical services, parents, and community organizations. "Shattered Dreams" emphasizes the terrible results of these senseless tragedies and the shattered dreams of those involved.
11. The Sky Tonight	JCF	\$975.00	Zoom, zoom, zoom! John C. French Elementary wants to go to the moon! This grant will bring the moon and stars to the students of John C. French via an educational astronomy program presented by the Texas Museum of Science and Technology 's Mobile Planetarium. Children learn best by what they can see, feel and experience. The mobile planetarium will give the children an experience to help them comprehend such an abstract subject matter.

12. STEAM Will Blow Your Mind: Adding the Arts to STEM	CHS	\$4,978.05	Libraries of tomorrow are no longer places just to consume books and magazines. Bracking student traffic last year, we now have a sense of just how much our MakerSpace provides resources for student and group activities, PBL assignments, and school/club projects. Many of the students found new interests, accomplished goals, and gained pride in their work. Most would not have had the resources or space to attempt and complete these projects. Our MakerSpace leveraged student motivation. This is why we need to expand our resources to further accomodate STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) activities to include 3D Printing.
13. Swinging Into Learning	Hunt	\$2,265.75	Swing Into Learning involves the purchase and installation of school-safe swings on the playground at Hunt Elementary. These cut-proof belt swings come in primary colors with a durable molded rubber seat with steel inserts. All hardware is zinc coated. The chains are coated for added protection and safety. These swings are part of the developmental growth for our students. Research supports that a high-quality recess program can help students feel more engaged, safer and positive about the school day, as supported by Stanford. Play promotes a positive school climate, thus positively impacting attendance, academic achievement and social and emotional development.
TOTAL AMOUNT FUNDED		\$36,210.83	