

We are pleased to offer our “Funding Your Ideas” (FYI) Teacher Grant program. This program provides Jovia member-educators an opportunity to receive a grant up to \$500.00 to support an innovative classroom project that enhances the learning experience of students.

Who is eligible? Open to all those who provide educational support to students in a classroom environment from pre-K through 12th grade in Nassau or Suffolk County private, public, or parochial schools, including Administrators, Teachers, Physical and Occupational Therapists, Teacher Aides, and Librarians. Applicants must be an active member, in good standing of Jovia Financial Credit Union.

How do I apply? (1) Visit jovia.org/teacher-grants during the application period. (2) Complete the Applicant Information, School Information, and Project Information sections (3) Attach your **anonymous** Project Proposal (4) Click **Submit**.

What information should be included in the proposal? Write a proposal that explains **all** of the items outlined below. Please note proposals should be written in a numbered list format, with each answer corresponding to the questions below in the order listed. Each question should be addressed clearly and concisely. Proposals with incomplete responses will not be eligible for review.

You may submit one project proposal yearly. Reminder: Written proposals must be fully anonymous. Contact information such as school name, student/faculty names, or photos cannot be included in the proposal document provided, including this information will result in disqualification.

Write an anonymous proposal that explains **all of the following** in numbered order. Please visit jovia.org/teacher-grants to download a sample proposal.

- 1) Name of project (clearly stated).
- 2) Number of students reached by project.
- 3) Age/grade level to which project is directed.
- 4) Brief description of project (maximum 1/2 page).
- 5) How is the project innovative or why this is an area of special need in your building or classroom?
- 6) a) What are the project’s objectives?
b) How will they be measured?
- 7) What is the projected long-term effect of this project on your students, school, or district?
- 8) Provide a brief timeline of project implementation/completion.
- 9) Have there been or are there currently similar projects underway in other classrooms or in your district? If yes, were the past projects successful? Why or why not? If not, what will make your project successful?
- 10) a) List an itemized breakdown of all costs, include vendor information when applicable.
b) State Your Project Budget (minimum \$25.00 – maximum \$500.00).

Are there any restrictions? Grants will not be offered for programs outside of the classroom including but not limited to field trips, drones, parties, clothing, etc. or not directly for the benefit of the students.

When completing the application, please be sure to carefully review your materials for accuracy and grammatical errors, as it could ultimately influence the Committee’s final decision.

Proposals must be original and anonymous. The use of artificial intelligence or ChatGPT for the proposal portion of the application is strictly prohibited and will result in automatic disqualification.

Employees and officers of Jovia, its affiliates, vendors/agents, and their families are not eligible.

When will the winners be selected? The FYI Teacher Grants are awarded once per year in December. Please allow 6–8 weeks for applications to be reviewed. **All decisions are final** and made by the Jovia Teacher Grant Committee. Grants will be issued in amounts up to \$500.00 and distributed directly to the recipients’ share account via direct deposit. Building principals will also be notified of award.

If your proposal is selected for funding, we ask that you let us know the outcome of your project by submitting a brief description of its effectiveness and any pictures that were taken.

For questions, please contact us at scholarships@jovia.org or 1-855-JOVIA4U (1-855-568-4248).