

## **FMPS Grant Applications Criteria & Metrics for a Successful Grant**

FMPS evaluates grant applications on a variety of factors. When reviewing grant applications, we consider how well the grant aligns with established criteria including:

### **Quality of the Application**

- Fits with FMPS mission
- Clearly stated goals and objectives
- Detailed description of the grant including a timeline of major milestones
- Complete and comprehensive budget
- Well documented research/rationale to support the grant

### **Impact & Return on Investment**

- Dollars to student ratio – a grant can be targeted to a small group, we’re looking for the impact and “long tail” of the investment
- High value for the dollars
- Identify whether, if applicable, the grant reaches across grades, schools, and/or the district

### **Viability & Sustainability**

- Support for the grant from appropriate stakeholders (e.g., building principal, other faculty, SPED team, guidance)
- Plans to maintain and sustain the project beyond the initial grant funding (e.g., school budget, maintenance/facilities support, outside funding sources)
- Resources and knowledge shared to continue the grant beyond the initial grant funding (e.g., grant can be implemented or maintained by colleagues in future years)

### **Alignment with Curriculum**

- Grant enriches or extends the curriculum, student, and/or teacher experience in some capacity
- Enhances the quality of education
- Documented connection to MA educational frameworks

### **Innovation & Creativity**

- New resource to be tested or piloted
- New application of an existing resource
- Opportunity to transform education or educational experience for teachers and/or students

FMPS reviews each grant application in detail to determine how well it meets some or all of the criteria in a spectrum ranging from *strongly and clearly meets* to *does not meet* the criteria.