LearnStorm 2016 Chicago Innovation Seed Grant
Application deadline extended to March 11th
Number of grants available: 12 grants

(Please check back here to see how many grants remain. Grants will be given on a rolling basis)

What is the LearnStorm 2016 Chicago Innovation Seed Grant?
The LearnStorm 2016 Chicago Innovation Seed Grant is designed to find and support innovative educators in underserved classrooms who have demonstrated a clear need and plan for the effective use of technology to support online learning opportunities like LearnStorm in their classrooms.

Funding partners have contributed funds to make LearnStorm 2016 Chicago Innovation Seed Grant possible. These grants are made possible by regional funders.

12 grants of up to $5,000 in DonorsChoose.org funding are currently available and we are looking for more regional partners to help grow this number. Schools will receive this funding for technology via projects submitted on DonorsChoose.org. Grant funds can only be applied towards the DonorsChoose.org project that is created as part of the application process. Submission of a grant application does not guarantee funding.

Who is eligible to apply for the grant?
Schools that are eligible have:
- 50% or more of their students eligible for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). For a list of these schools in Chicagoland, visit http://www.khanacademy.org/r/chicago-grant-eligible-schools . If you believe that your school should be on this list, please contact us immediately at innovationgrant2016@gmail.com

● Signed up 50% or more of your 3rd-12th grade students for LearnStorm. For helpful signup resources, visit www.learnstorm2016.org/resources/chicago.

Those who are eligible for the LearnStorm 2016 Chicago Innovation Seed Grant are also eligible for an opportunity through Internet Essentials from Comcast. For more information about the Internet Essentials opportunity visit: http://fastly.kastatic.org/ka-learnstorm/Chicago_Internet_Essentials.pdf

How do I apply for a LearnStorm 2016 Chicago Innovation Seed Grant?
Schools who have qualified to apply for the LearnStorm 2016 Chicago Innovation Seed Grant will be notified via email by Khan Academy. This notification email will include a link to the grant application. The application link will not be available outside of the notification email. Schools will be asked to designate one teacher to submit a LearnStorm 2016 Chicago Innovation Seed Grant application. In this application you'll be asked to describe the need for technology in your school and your plan for implementing new technology in classrooms. You will also be asked to create a DonorsChoose.org project to support your needed technology. You will be able to apply for the grant up until Friday, March 11th at midnight.
If your school is selected as a recipient, we'll email you a DonorsChoose.org $5,000 gift code you can use to fund your project.

The LearnStorm 2016 Chicago Innovation Seed Grant is available for at least 12 innovative educators in the Chicago. Only one grant application may be submitted per eligible school. Submission of a grant application does not guarantee funding.

When can I apply for a LearnStorm 2016 Chicago Innovation Seed Grant?
Applications open on February 2nd, 2016 and will remain open until Friday, March 11th at midnight. Qualifying schools will begin to be notified on February 2nd. If you qualify for the grant, you will be emailed an application link and instructions by the Khan Academy team. *The application link will not be available outside of the notification email.*

Grants will be made on a rolling basis so the sooner you apply, the better. We will update both our resources page and the application link if our grants are running low or if we receive funding to support additional grants.

LearnStorm 2016 Chicago Innovation Seed Grant Application Process

Follow these steps below to qualify and apply:

Step 1 - Qualify! Eligible schools must sign up 50% or more of their 3rd-12th grade students to LearnStorm. For a full list of eligible schools visit: http://www.khanacademy.org/r/chicago-grant-eligible-schools You can track progress toward 50% signup using your LearnStorm teacher dashboard.

Step 2 - Receive application! Once you have reached 50% signup, you will receive an email notification from Khan Academy encouraging you to apply for the LearnStorm 2016 Chicago Innovation Seed Grant with explicit application instructions. This notification email will include a link to the grant application. The application link will not be available outside of the notification email. If you think that you should have qualified and received the application from the Khan Academy team, but have not yet heard from them, please email innovationgrant2016@gmail.com.

Step 3 - Apply! Eligible schools designate one teacher to submit their LearnStorm 2016 Chicago Innovation Seed Grant application. The application will be open for submissions starting February 2nd. **Note:** As a part of this application, you'll be asked to create a DonorsChoose.org project, so it can be helpful if the teacher applying on behalf of your school has familiarity with DonorsChoose.org. The grants will be provided as funding for the DonorsChoose.org project that has been created.

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Step 4 - Application Review! Applications will be reviewed to confirm that schools:
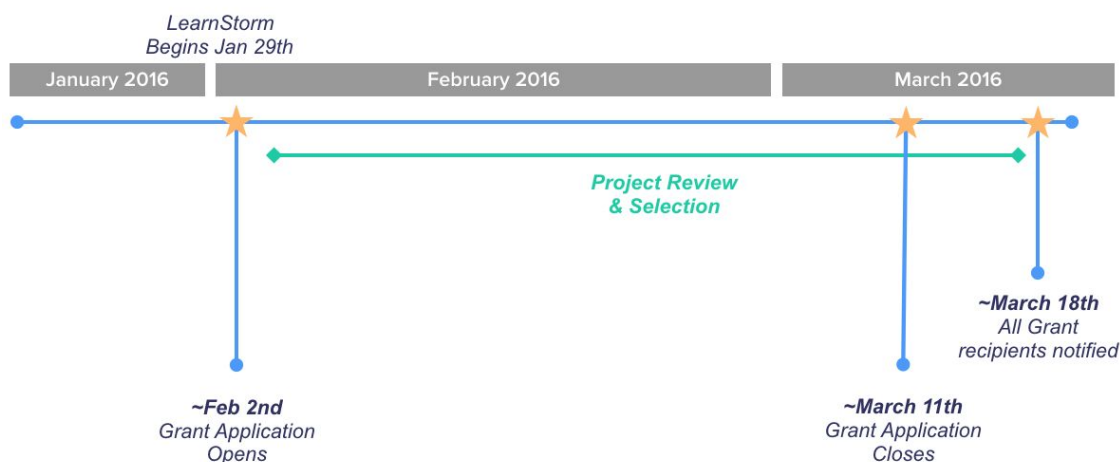- Are from an underserved school (defined by >=50% eligible for NSLP)
- Have 50% of eligible students (3rd-12th graders) signed up for LearnStorm
- Have explicitly laid out how their school will use new technology in their classrooms to support online learning and created a project on DonorsChoose.org

Step 5 - Selection! Top applications will be selected for final review and approval by regional funders

Step 6 - Notification! LearnStorm 2016 Chicago Innovation Seed Grant recipients are selected and notified on a rolling basis, so the sooner you apply, the better. All grant awards will be made by March 18th, 2016. Grant recipients will receive their funds through a gift code to be redeemed on the DonorsChoose.org project they created during the application process.

Step 7 - Grant Claiming! Once you've fully funded your DonorsChoose.org project with your $5,000 gift code, DonorsChoose.org will order and ship the materials you've requested straight to your school.

LearnStorm 2016 Chicago Innovation Seed Grant Timeline

LearnStorm Begins Jan 29th

| January 2016 | February 2016 | March 2016 |

Project Review & Selection

~March 18th
All Grant recipients notified

~Feb 2nd
Grant Application Opens

~March 11th
Grant Application Closes

What is LearnStorm 2016?

LearnStorm is a free 9-week math challenge that celebrates student progress, mastery, and hustle on Khan Academy. Starting January 29th, students in grades 3–12 earn points to unlock real-life rewards for themselves and their school by practicing standards-aligned math on khanacademy.org. LearnStorm is designed to include all types of learners, encourage a team-based spirit, and celebrate and reward learning. Throughout the program students have the opportunity to build a growth mindset, grit, and perseverance, all while strengthening Common Core math skills. LearnStorm is a light lift for teachers, requiring no changes in the classroom and like all Khan Academy resources, it's completely free. Students can participate from anywhere with an internet connection and device. To learn more about the program visit www.learnstorm2016.org/chicago and the LearnStorm resources page at www.learnstorm2016.org/resources/chicago