

# P.I.E. Grant Criteria

Every year, Vashon Partners in Education receives grant proposals in excess of donations. Proposals must be competitive to be selected for funding. P.I.E. uses the following criteria when evaluating proposals:

1. ***Innovation and Creativity*** – P.I.E.'s charter is to enhance the learning environment in our public schools. We do not exist just to fund things that are being cut from the regular school budget. Proposals should introduce innovative materials or methods which enhance the learning experience in a creative manner.

2. ***Educational Value*** – Proposals should directly affect the educational process.

3. ***Need*** – Proposals should address a recognized need - for example an underserved segment of the student body, unaddressed but meaningful subject areas, or materials and equipment which unambiguously improve the educational experience.

4. ***Impact*** – Proposals which impact a large number of students or have multiple year longevity are preferred.

5. ***Presentation*** – Proposals are judged on their focus and clarity. The following is a list of items P.I.E. generally does not fund:

- salaries
- refreshments
- travel
- furniture