

# Applied Materials Funding Guidelines

Applied Materials and its Foundation are committed to making a positive social contribution in communities where our employees work and to the world around us. We prioritize the needs of neighborhoods near [our facilities](#) where our investments can enhance educational outcomes for underserved students, contribute to a vibrant, innovative arts sector, provide basic services to those less fortunate, and promote environmental stewardship.

## FOCUS AREAS

We provide funding to organizations providing programs and services in the following focus areas: Education, Arts & Culture, Civic Engagement, Environment and Girls Empowerment.

We prioritize projects that address community needs in sites where Applied Materials does business and welcome opportunities to engage employees with local grant recipients.

### Education

Education inspires young minds, opens new doors and paves the way to more promising futures. We recognize that many communities and schools lack the resources and programs required to prepare their students for meaningful careers. For this reason, the majority of our education grants are directed to neighborhoods with the greatest need.

We have a special interest in funding Education grant proposals that:

- Benefit students in grades K-12
- Focus on traditional skills such as reading, writing, math, science and technology, and other subjects that prepare young people for college and career
- Address critical education needs through innovative approaches to learning
- Expand existing efforts in order to reach more students or a wider geographic area
- Actively partner with other nonprofit groups to create, implement or evaluate shared programs

### Arts and Culture

Creativity sparks the imagination and drives the development of new ideas that can transform the way we live. We support efforts that bring the full spectrum of artistic expression to the greater community, from visual and performing arts to community events and workshops.

We have a special interest in funding Arts and Culture grant proposals that:

- Have broad community appeal
- Take arts and culture outside traditional settings to reach young people of diverse backgrounds, particularly in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods
- Support nonprofit organizations in bringing the arts to educational programs and organizations

### Civic Engagement

When people are actively involved in improving the quality of life in their neighborhoods, they help to create more vibrant, livable communities. With our civic engagement grants, we support organizations that help people find stability in difficult times and develop strength of NGO/nonprofit sector to address community challenges.

We have a special interest in funding Civic Engagement grant proposals that:

- Meet basic needs such as access to nutritional food, clean water and affordable housing
- Support systemic, collaborative approaches to eliminating homelessness
- Stimulate innovations that improve efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery
- Support the infrastructure of the nonprofit sector and its leadership

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## Environment

To engage employees and community members in working toward a more sustainable future, we invest in environmental education and community-based projects that demonstrate the importance and value of protecting the environment.

We have a special interest in funding Environment grant proposals that:

- Focus on environmental education for young people, especially in underserved communities
- Encourage hands on opportunities for employee volunteers and their families

## Girls Empowerment

Generation Girl™, an initiative of the Applied Materials Foundation, was created to inspire today's generation of girls to pursue their dreams. We fund programs that support girls by addressing the societal and systemic barriers that can stand in their way.

We have a special interest in funding Girls Empowerment grant proposals that:

- Address girls' lack of self-efficacy and confidence
- Positively change perceptions about traditional gender stereotypes
- Increase access to high quality STEM programs
- Support and/or strengthen the infrastructure of the field
- Offer opportunities for employee engagement

Learn more about Generation Girl [here](#).

## APPLYING FOR FUNDING

Applications are accepted via our online grants management system: [Apply Now](#).

Return applicants are asked to complete their Final Report on previous funding prior to submitting a new proposal for funding. If funds from the prior year have not been fully expended before a new application is set to be submitted, [contact us](#) for support on submitting an Interim Report.

## TIMING

Proposals are reviewed at regular intervals throughout the year, as follows:

Proposal Deadline	Decision Deadline	Proposals Focused On
January 15	March 31	Education, Arts & Culture, Civic Engagement, Environment
June 15	August 31	Education, Arts & Culture, Civic Engagement, Environment
September 30	October 31	Girls Empowerment

For more information, please email [Community\\_Affairs@AMAT.com](mailto:Community_Affairs@AMAT.com) or [Applied Materials Foundation@AMAT.com](mailto:Applied_Materials_Foundation@AMAT.com).

Ready to apply for funding? [Apply Now](#).