

**WOODFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA ITEM**

ITEM #: VII G DATE: July 28, 2025

TOPIC/TITLE: Approve Grants

PRESENTER: Administrators

ORIGIN:

- ☐ TOPIC PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION ONLY (No board action required.)
- ☐ ACTION REQUESTED AT THIS MEETING
- ☒ ITEM IS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL
- ☐ ACTION REQUESTED AT FUTURE MEETING: (DATE)
- ☒ BOARD REVIEW REQUIRED BY

- ☒ STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION
- ☐ BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY
- ☐ OTHER:

PREVIOUS REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION:

- ☒ NO PREVIOUS BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION OR ACTION
- ☐ PREVIOUS REVIEW OR ACTION

- ☐ DATE:
- ☐ ACTION:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Per Board Policy, grant applications must be pre-approved.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR ELEMENTS:

We are requesting Board Approval to apply for and accept if awarded: Bread Loaf Teacher Network Action Grant (Laura Benton).

IMPACT ON RESOURCES:

TIMETABLE FOR FURTHER REVIEW OR ACTION:

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: ☒ Recommended ☐ Not Recommended



Woodford County Schools

Preliminary Grant Proposal Form

After completing and printing this form as a Word document, please send it—along with grant application details or instructions—to the Superintendent's Office.

1. **Project title:** Visual Literacy: Graphic Novels in the Classroom
2. **School(s):** Woodford County High School
3. **Your name:** Laura Benton
4. **Your e-mail address:** laura.benton@woodford.kyschools.us
5. **Phone number:** 859-519-9350
6. **Source of grant:** Bread Loaf Teacher Network Action Grants (through Middlebury College)
7. **Amount of request:** 3,099.91
8. **Proposal deadline:** 7/1/2025
9. **Today's date:** 6/23/2025
10. **Briefly describe the project:** I am asking for books, specifically age and content appropriate class sets of graphic novels. My hope is to increase student literacy through a high level of engagement and give them relatable but still challenging texts.
11. **What items do you plan to purchase?** I plan to purchase five class sets of graphic novels, and three class sets of traditional books that focus on visualization.
12. **What will you ask Woodford County Schools to contribute?** Matching funds not required
13. **What is the duration of this grant?** The 25-26 school year (although the books will be used after this school year as well).
14. **Who will write the grant proposal?** Laura Benton

☐ Approved to complete grant application

☐ Not approved. Reason:

Superintendent or Designee

Date

Additional Grant Info if needed

Dixie Goswami
Bread Loaf Teacher Network Action Grants 2025

Grant applications due by: July 7, 2025

Bread Loaf Teacher Network teachers (current and former) are eligible to apply for grants between \$2,500-\$5,000 to support BLTN-related classroom programs, projects, events, and travel. **These more substantial grants are to encourage teachers to engage in longer-term projects completed by late May 2026 with reports due by June 15, 2026.** This will be the only Goswami Action Grant offering for the 2025-26 school year. We expect these grants to be competitive; funding is not guaranteed. Please be as specific as possible with proposal details.