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In determining projects to be funded by the FRD Foundation, the following guidelines are kept in mind by the Trustees and should be considered by those applying for funds.

- Consideration is only given to projects concerned with early childhood education, specifically ages 2 - up to sixth grade. Emphasis is placed on new, untried or unusual educational organizations or institutions which endeavor to introduce new educational methods, again, aimed at the education of young children. (NOTE: Day Care projects must be specific and innovative.)
- The Trustees consider applications for educational projects or programs aimed directly at children up to sixth grade - NOT parent educations, staff recruitment, endowments, etc.
- The grant is made for a specific identifiable need; rarely are grants made for general funds, operating expenses and capital campaigns. Applicants should specify and describe their particular need.
- Rarely do the Trustees finance a specific project for more than three years.
- Grant awards range from \$1,000 to \$20,000, averaging \$5,000. As grants are relatively small, the projects themselves tend to be small too, since the trustees prefer to provide a significant portion of any project they fund.
- The Trustees like to fund projects that are likely to snowball or to cause a ripple effect, for instance to lead to publication of results.
- The Foundation requires follow-up documentation of how the monies were spent, and a written summary of the program itself.
- The Foundation distributes funds only to tax-exempt, non-profit organizations or institutions. Tax-exempt numbers must accompany all applications.

Applications should be sent to the Foundation Manager, Ann Z. Avery, at the above address, and should include the proposal summary, a project description and budget, any backup material desired, tax-exempt information, and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please include SIX copies (one for each trustee and the manager) of the description, summary and budget.