Approval by the OPSF Board is requested for the following classroom grants reviewed by the OPSF Grants Committee and OPS Department of Curriculum Instruction and Support:

1. Gomez Heritage Elementary
   Heather Traxler
   “STEM Kit”
   Summary: Grant will provide funding for the purchase of STEM Kits for 2nd, 3rd, 4th grade classrooms.

   Amount granted: $320.00

2. Crestridge Magnet
   Mary Riha
   “One School One Book”
   Summary: Grant will provide funding to implement the Read to Them/Read Aloud Program at the school.

   Amount granted: $1,000.00

3. Prairie Wind
   Erin Schluerer
   “STEM Bin Activities”
   Summary: Grant will provide funding to purchase STEM bins to have available throughout the classrooms.

   Amount granted: $2,000.00

4. Kellom Elementary
   Rena Sharp
   “Breakout EDU in the Classroom”
   Summary: Grant will provide funding to purchase a Breakout EDU kit that provides challenges to enhance problem solving, critical thinking and collaboration skills.

   Amount granted: $150.00

5. Sunny Slope Elementary
   Jayme Aliano
   “Sunny Slope Makerspace”
   Summary: Grant will provide funding to purchase additional robotics modules for the Makerspace program.

   Amount granted: $2,700.00

6. Harrison Elementary
   Danielle Herzog
   “Develop Kindness Through Wonder”
   Summary: Grant will provide funding for the purchase of the book “Wonder” for all 4th grade students at Harrison to be read during guidance curriculum time.

   Amount granted: $675.00
7. Prairie Wind Elementary School  
Katherine Drews  
“STEM Kits”  
Summary: Grant will provide funding for the First Grade Teams at the school to purchase STEAM centers beyond math manipulatives currently in place.  
Amount granted: $1,170.00

8. Kellom Elementary  
Susan Proulx-Herron  
“Students learn Core Skills through Coding”  
Summary: Grant will provide funds for the Library to purchase Ozobot and Dot/Dash Robots that teach coding and enhance math/language arts skills.  
Amount granted: $2,000.00

9. Walnut Hill Elementary  
Shannel Dantzler  
“Club 180”  
Summary: Grant will provide funding to establish an after-school leadership club that teaches students to make good choices.  
Amount granted: $750.00

10. Central Park  
Trevis Sallis  
“Project Manhood”  
Summary: Grant will provide partial funding for the continuation of the Project Manhood and Friends organization to work with Central Park students on social development, cultural diversity, overall health/wellness and identifying positive role models.  
Amount granted: $2,500.00

11. Dodge Elementary School  
Michelle Bogacz and Marilou Getrost  
“Science Discovery Lab”  
Summary: Grant will provide funding to purchase materials for hands-on science experiments to encourage exploration!  
Amount granted: $807.00

12. Gomez Heritage Elementary  
Leah Kastrup  
“Girls on the Run”  
Summary: Grant will provide funding to bring the “Girls on the Run” Program to the school.  
Amount granted: $800.00

13. Gomez Heritage Elementary  
Nicole Johnson and Julie Harris  
“Field Trip to Homestead National Monument, Beatrice, NE”  
Summary: Grant will provide funding for the buses for all 4th grade students to take this trip as part of the year-long celebration of Nebraska’s 150th!  
Amount granted: $2,284.00
14. Liberty Elementary School  
Luisa Palomo Hare  
“STEM in Kindergarten”  
Summary: Grant will provide funding to purchase STEAM kits for the Purposeful Play Block during the school day.  
Amount granted: $2,754.50

15. Wilson Focus School  
Christine Moats  
“Lion Pride Enrichment Program”  
Summary: Grant will provide partial funding for students to participate in enrichment programs as part of the school’s focus.  
Amount granted: $1,550.00

16. Beveridge Magnet  
Anna Sully Sparwasser  
“Character Development for 6th-8th grade Team Time Curriculum”  
Summary: Grant will provide partial funding for students to participate in this leadership program.  
Amount granted: $1,463.65

17. McMillan Magnet  
John Huber  
“3-Dimensional Learning in Science”  
Summary: Grant will provide funding to purchase interactive labs that will help students learn how to use high school level equipment.  
Amount granted: $2,084.20

18. Norris Middle School  
Keli Reid  
“Inquiry Based Ecosystem Research with Authentic Immersion Experience”  
Summary: Grant will provide funding for students to work on a research experiment through the Henry Doorly Zoo’s Aquarium.  
Amount granted: $1,510.00

19. Lewis and Clark Middle School  
George Mihaei and Michele Rinn  
“Project-Based Learning in Science”  
Summary: Grant will provide funding to purchase materials to enhance students’ ability to complete scientific investigations and how to effectively communicate their findings.  
Amount granted: $1,845.55

20. Omaha South High School  
Danielle Hoechner  
“Frida Kahlo Spanish Novels”  
Summary: Grant will provide funding to purchase a set of high-interest novels which the students will read in Spanish, analyze themes of perseverance and creativity and increase their knowledge of Spanish vocabulary and grammar.  
Amount granted: $304.00
21. Omaha Northwest High School  
Rachel Benzoni  
“Water and Soil Quality Testing”  
Summary: Grant will provide funding kits for AP Chemistry/Environmental/Biology classes.  
Amount granted: $4,950.00

22. Blackburn Alternative  
Hilary George  
“Integrated Learning Opportunities through Arts-Based Evaluation”  
Summary: Grant will provide funding for Nebraska Arts Council Artist-in-Residence Kim Darling to work with students to create art centered around personal narratives using personal iconography and mark making.  
Amount granted: $1,580.00

23. Blackburn Alternative  
Michelle Troxclair  
“The Blackburn Writers Club”  
Summary: Grant will provide funding for teaching artists to continue their work with Blackburn students encouraging creative writing and improving writing skills.  
Amount granted: $3,600.00

24. Integrated Learning Program  
Bridget Shelvin  
“Guitar for Guided Social Skill Development”  
Summary: Grant will provide funding for a music therapist to work with the ILP to develop a social skills/guitar curriculum for middle school aged students that will focus on peer engagement, appropriate behavior and social skills development.  
Amount granted: $560.00

TOTAL: $39,357.90

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