



**Grantee Reception and  
Awards Presentation**

November 12, 2014 ~ 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
Taos Country Club

*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to  
change the world. ~ Nelson Mandela*

**Welcome and Introductions** ~ Elizabeth Crittenden Palacios, Foundation Director

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Special Guests

**Presentation of Grant Awards** ~ Lisa O'Brien Grants Director

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## Overview of TPEF Teacher Grant Funding

- First grant was awarded in October, 2008
- A total of \$ \$116,040 has been awarded directly through teacher grants
- A total of 297 awards have been presented
- 146 Taos Municipal School District educators/support staff have received at least one TPEF grant since the initiative was launched

### Fall 2014 Application Cycle

- 93 applications received (55% increase from last year)
- 68 applications were reviewed by committee process and presented to TCF fundholders/donors for funding selection consideration
- 59 applications will be awarded – 24 to teachers as first time applicants
- Total Grant Award Docket presented = \$22,622

### Breakdown of all Grants Awarded by School:

Anansi Charter School	5%
Arroyos del Norte Elementary	10%
Chrysalis Alternative	5%
Cyber Magnet School	1%
Enos Garcia Elementary	12%
Ranchos Elementary	7 %
Taos Charter School	21%
Taos High School**	22%
Taos Middle School	11%
Vista Grande High School	6%

\*\*has included grants to Taos County Detention and Butterfly Learning Program

### Breakdown of All Grants Awarded by Focus Area

Art / Performance	11%
Equipment	10%
Health / Physical Education	3%
Life Skills	11%
Literacy	17%
Professional Development	2%
Spanish/Dual Language	6%
Special Education	7%
STEM – Math	5%
STEM – Science	19%

***Art/Performance***

**Arroyos del Norte Elementary 1st**

Mary Lou Chavez

**Supplies for "The Sky is Falling" Bi-Lingual Play**

Grant funds will allow the class to create a play "El Cielo Se Esta Cayendo, " (The Sky is Falling). As a class, students will create masks and costumes for the performance that will be held for parents and the community in November.

***Art/Performance***

**Chrysalis Nonviolence School 9th - 12th**

Carlos Garcia

**Supplies for Art Programming**

In support of the schools art club, grant funds will purchase 250 assorted Prismacolor colored pencils. Produced art will be displayed in a retrospective exhibition at a local establishment.

***Art/Performance***

**Taos High 9th - 12th**

Michael Hensley

**Anatomical Models for Art and Anatomy Classes**

This grant will allow the purchase of additional anatomical models for several art and anatomy classes, to increase student drawing skills and knowledge of human development

***Art/Performance***

**Vista Grande High School 9th - 12th**

Josan Perales

**Art Instruction - Murals on Town of Taos Dumpsters**

This project is to provide art instruction with a professional muralist to lead a project in collaboration with the town's Waste Department to paint murals on Town of Taos dumpsters.

***Health***

**Taos Charter K - 5th**

Carrie Moon

**Nutrition Station Installation for School**

This project consists of a permanent installation of a nutrition station in the school hallway with posted nutritional news and updates in an interactive formate. There will also be a shared collection of nutrition books, activities and educational games.

***Art/Performance***

**Arroyos del Norte Elementary 4th**

Laura DuMond Kerr

**Wolf Dog Storytelling Workshop**

Students will be engaged in a multidisciplinary curriculum called Wolf Dog Workshops to learn how to develop their own stories, write them, and tell the stories at a storytelling festival that will be open to the community.

***Art/Performance***

**Ranchos Elementary K - 5th**

Francisco Romero

**Fused Glass Mosaic Project for School Installation**

Through the school art classes, grant funds would purchase the materials needed to create an all-school fused glass mosaic piece that will be permanently installed in the school.

***Art/Performance***

**Vista Grande High School 10th**

Ned Dougherty

**Art & Activism Partnership with Town of Taos**

As a way of pushing a legacy expedition to new heights and purpose, this project is to repurpose Taos County trash to reinvigorate our "Art and Activism" expedition. Students will create a final sculptural product that incorporates illegally dumped trash collected during Field Work explorations.

***Equipment***

**Taos Charter 7th & 8th**

Scott Tennant

**iPad for Math / Language / Science Classrooms**

Grant funds will allow for the purchase of an iPad and projector connection to be used in multiple classroom environments and with multiple applications, and to move toward a 21st Century, paper-less classroom that will save time and resources.

***Health***

**Taos High 9th - 12th**

Mary Spears

**"Feeding the Babies" Collaboration with Taos Culinary Program**

This collaborative project includes both Culinary and Child Development students to plan and prepare the food and snacks for the children at the on-site child care center. The project brings student awareness about nutrition and age appropriate food for infant and toddlers.

### ***Health***

#### **Taos Middle 6th - 8th**

Alicia Thoma

#### **Equipment for Food Science and Life Skills class**

This project will engage the skills needed for food preparation, cooking, cleaning of food stations and the ability to understand nutrition and its relation to food products.

The grant funds will purchase basic kitchen equipment (measuring utensils, dish towels, knife sets, etc).

### ***Life Skills***

#### **Taos Middle 6th - 8th**

Naomi Gutierrez

#### **Jam Making and Canning - Food Science/Math**

As part of a Food Science class, supplies would be purchased to introduce jam making and canning as a way of introducing tradition, nutrition, life and math skills.

### ***Literacy***

#### **Arroyos del Norte Elementary 1st**

Linda Madrid

#### **Literacy Listening Center**

Grant funds will purchase materials for a listening center that will be part of an on-going program that allows for the teacher to read with a small group of 3-4 students on a daily basis.

### ***Literacy***

#### **Ranchos Elementary PreK and 2nd**

Melissa Quintana

#### **Reading Buddies Project**

The "Reading Buddies" project works to increase reading fluency through the use of 2nd grade and pre-school reading buddies. 2nd graders will read new, hardcover books multiple times to prepare for the visiting pre-school students.

### ***Literacy***

#### **Ranchos Elementary 2nd**

Nola Whetstone

#### **Listening and Technology Center**

This project is to build a listening and technology center to assist students in improving their reading, comprehension and listening skills, that will help them in all academic areas.

### ***Life Skills***

#### **Taos Charter 5th - 8th**

Deidra McAdam

#### **Project Adventure Classroom Activities**

Purchase of supplemental materials to be used in the 45-minute class on team-building, problem solving, communication, and leadership skill building

### ***Literacy***

#### **Arroyos del Norte Elementary Pre K**

Claire Briggs

#### **Story and Songboard Kits for Special Ed classroom**

Grant funds will acquire CD and songboard kits. The lively and age-appropriate classic childhood songs accompany large (11"x17") storyboard cards to create an audio, visual and kinesthetic (body movement) activity that stimulates learning in all early childhood development domains (cognitive, motor movement, communication and

### ***Literacy***

#### **Arroyos del Norte Elementary PreK - 5th**

Naomi Gallegos

#### **Arroyos del Norte Rocking Read-A-Thon**

Support of the schools Read-A-Thon that is tracked by a program called Accelerated Reader. After the student has read a book, they will take an online assessment; those that pass with an 80% or Higher to receive credit for the total words in the book. Grant funds will pay for books and incentive prizes.

### ***Literacy***

#### **Ranchos Elementary 2nd**

Andrea Trujillo

#### **Books for Independent Reading**

Grant request is to purchase fiction and non-fiction books in support of the "Read N Eat" and "Reading Log" projects that encourages in-school and at-home independent reading.

### ***Literacy***

#### **Taos Charter 3rd**

Jennifer Martinez

#### **"Creative, Inventive and Notable People" Reading Materials**

This project focuses on small group reading materials based on "Creative, Inventive and Notable People". Purchased supplies will also teach students how to crochet, which has shown to promote comprehension and listening skills during read-aloud time.

***Literacy***

**Taos Charter 2nd - 5th**

Gina Cerruto

**Science Story Book Sets**

Grants funds will purchase science stories/book sets to teach common core standards in a small group setting. Leveled books allow questioning at appropriate reading levels and requires students to support their answers using text evidence, and compare/contrast topics through discussions and collaborative writing activities.

***Literacy - Library***

**Butterfly Learning Center 7th - 12th**

Juliana Clayton

**Native American Library**

Grant will build a library for students/residents in the Butterfly Healing Center.

***Literacy - Library***

**Taos Charter 6th - 8th**

Sally Greywolf

**Middle School Library Collection**

Grant funds will purchase books for the development of a middle school collection of books for the school library.

***Literacy - Literature***

**Enos Garcia Elementary 2nd - 5th**

Janet LaFaille

**"Read Aloud" books for Classroom**

Grant funds will assist with the purchase of books for students to read independently, to each other to the teacher and students being read to during Read Aloud time. Titles to include Charlotte's Web, Sylvester and the Magic Pebble and Ramona Quimbly, to name a few.

***Literacy - Literature***

**Taos High 10th - 11th**

Elizabeth Trujillo

**Children's Literature - "Meet the Author" Project**

This project will bring the author, of Forget Me Not, Carolee Dean to present 3, 45-minute presentations on her work as an author, student writing and plot development.

***Literacy - Library***

**Arroyos del Norte Elementary K - 5th**

Stacey Swinehart

**Student Books**

The project will put new books in the hands of low level students last year, starting a foundation for their own at-home reading libraries, to encourage life-long readers.

***Literacy - Library***

**Taos Charter K - 5th**

Leslie Baker

**Library Books and Reading Area Enhancement**

We will be expanding our library book collection with student and teacher-requested titles as well as three bean bag chairs to add to the reading area. Our literacy efforts in the past year and this year is to promote use of the library including independent reading. This project continues that effort.

***Literacy - Literature***

**Anansi Charter School 5th - 6th**

Genger Holt

**"The Maze Runner" novel and Online Reading Subscription**

This project will involve an indepth study of the novel The Maze Runner and a classroom subscription to Reading A-Z Leveled books.

***Literacy - Literature***

**Taos High 10th**

Jim Kristofic

**Literature Study-**

**"Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey of Pat Tillman"**

Purchase of Jon Krakauer's Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey of Pat Tillman will engage students to critically read and analyze complex and informative texts, and to create a sophisticated background knowledge that will ensure their clear understanding of the political, social and military decisions playing out on the world's stage.

***Literacy - Literature***

**Taos Middle 6th - 7th**

Stefanie Johnstone

**Teaching Empathy through Literature**

As a way of teaching empathy, students will read Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and To Kill a Mockingbird. Students will then participate in literature circles for group discussions and create a series of "empathy maps" for the characters.

***Music***

**Enos Garcia Elementary K - 5th**

Juan Archuleta

**Ukuleles for Music Program**

Grant funds will be used to purchase Soprano ukulele's to introduce string instruments to students and build up the Mariachi program at the school.

***Professional Development***

**Taos High 9th - 12th \$300**

Angelia Henderson

**Prof. Development - Dyslexia Assoc. Conference**

Grant funds will pay for conference/travel fees for a teacher and student to attend the Southwest International Dyslexia Assoc's conference in Albuquerque.

***Spanish / Dual Language***

**Anansi Charter School 5th - 6th**

Philip Handmaker

**Learning Center Equipment**

This project aims to procure technology and resources to set up Spanish learning centers-with listening, speaking and other activities - for upper-grade students.

***Spanish / Dual Language***

**Ranchos Elementary 2nd**

Gerrit VanEvery

**Spanish Books for Bilingual Program**

Grant funds will purchase spanish reading materials to replace old text books that are significantly dated. Classroom activities will compare folktales and myths from different Latino cultures with the intent of increasing fluency and comprehension.

***Special Education***

**Enos Garcia Elementary K - 1st**

Diana Trujillo

**Listening Center for Special Education students**

This grant will give students with special needs the opportunity to engage in activities that apply strategies and skills to comprehend information that is read, heard and viewed. Grant funds would purchase CD's as part of a listening center project.

***Music***

**Taos Charter 4th - 6th**

Tara Somerville

**Ukuleles for School Music Program**

To purchase Bariton ukulele's to use in the schools music program.

***Professional Development***

**Taos High 9th - 12th**

Mark Richert

**Professional Library for Language Arts Faculty**

The school's English Department would like to establish a professional library both for language arts content and pedagogy in general. Funds would purchase a specific book list and provide membership subscriptions to the "English Journal" and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum.

***Spanish / Dual Language***

**Arroyos del Norte Elementary 2nd**

Maria Vasquez

**Listening Center**

Grant funds will purchase an 8-station reading center that will help lower readers and also challenge High readers during both Spanish and English instruction.

***Spanish / Dual Language***

**Taos Charter 1st - 8th**

Rosalinda Molina

**Media Cart for Spanish Language curriculum**

Grant funds will be used to purchase a media cart to carry a laptop computer, a projector and speakers to 8 different classrooms for Spanish instruction. This will allow more opportunities for language through videos, songs, listening comprehension and presentations.

***Special Education***

**Ranchos Elementary 2nd - 5th**

Mari Chavez

**Visual Learning materials for Gifted and Special Ed**

This grant will focus on obtaining supplies for visual learning. Current school curriculum is approximately 80% auditory, and as approximately 65% of all people are visual learners, this makes a substantial part of curriculum not easily accessible to some students. Special needs students and gifted learners have a much Higher need for visual learning

***Special Education***

**Taos Charter 2nd - 8th**

Erin Pirozak

**2 iPod Touch Tablets for Reading Enhancement**

Grants funds to purchase 2 iPod tablets to be used with students who have dyslexia and /or specific reading differences who have difficulty reading independently. This will ensure they have audio access to text books and novels within the general education curriculum.

***STEM***

**Anansi Charter School 3rd - 6th**

Liana Bayles

**Robotics Program Software**

This project is to expand the robotics program. The school had previously received a grant from the NM Department of Education to purchase more robot and computers, however, the grant did not permit the purchase of software and licensing.

***STEM***

**Taos Charter 4th**

Michael Bonner

**Online Math Program Subscription**

This grant will pay for the school to renew the annual class subscription to IXL Math, which a reserach-based online math practice site that allows students to log-in from any pc, laptop or tablet to get individualized practice, remediation and enhancement on skills that can be assigned/tracked by faculty.

***STEM - Science***

**Enos Garcia Elementary Kindergarten**

Elisa Trujillo - Sanchez

**Science Exploration Project**

The project is to develop a hands on Science, Math and Sentence Building Mobile Center to improve math, science and language art skills. The lab will consist of a 3-tier rack with 9 bins that contain manipulatives for the 3 subject areas (microscope, magnifying glasses, dry erase boards, sentence building kits, etc).

***STEM - Science***

**Enos Garcia Elementary Kindergarten**

Leilani Torres-Montano

**Hands-on Science and Technology Lab**

Project is to develop a Hands on Science and Technology Lab. Grant funds will be to enhance existing iPad technology with the purchase of earphones, and classroom lab kits.

***Special Education***

**Taos Middle 6th - 8th**

Robert Duncan

**Life Skills Program for Community Outings**

The Life Skills class serves students with challenges such as autism, Down Syndrome and physical limitations. Grant funds will enable students to go out into the community for education activities such as having a meal in a restaurant or swimming at the Taos Youth and Family Center.

***STEM***

**Taos Charter 5th**

Jeremy Jones

**Inter-school Engineering Competition - Bridge Breaking**

In support of the "Bridge Breaking" inter-school engineering competition, grant funds will allow construction of an electrically controlled devise that will measure the exact weight at which each bridge breaks.

***STEM***

**Taos Middle 6th - 7th**

Mishell Aguirre

**Robotics for Enhancement Students**

This is a new activity for Gifted Students. The project is to program robots using software to perform tasks such as walking a straight line. Students are engaged while learning computer programming while getting interested in science and technology.

***STEM - Science***

**Enos Garcia Elementary 1st**

Teddie Zarasua

**Interactive Sceince/Math Mobile Lab**

This project will bring new supplies to develop an interactive Science/Math Mobile Lab. Materials purchased would include manipulatives, magnifying glasses, magents, gears and science tools.

***STEM - Science***

**Enos Garcia Elementary Kindergarten**

Joella Apodaca

**Hands on Science and Math Lab**

The project is to develop a hands-on Science and Math Lab to improve math and science skills. The activities will include lessons in science using an inquiry approach as students study plant life, matter, magnets and volcanoes.

***STEM - Science***

**Taos Charter 6th - 8th**

Nathaniel Evans

**Science Lab Equipment & Supplies**

Grant funds will be used to purchase the necessary materials for students to use the new science lab and fume hood.

This will give students hands-on chemistry and the experience of conducting science demonstrations.

***STEM - Science***

**Vista Grande High School 9th - 12th**

Sam Starsiak

**Drip Irrigation System for School Greenhouse and Food Crops**

The major activity of this project will be to install drip irrigation for a small greenhouse and a field crop area on school grounds, that is used as part of semester-long explorations or "expeditions". Grade level cohorts participate in two expeditions each school year.

***Vocational***

**Cyber Magnet School 9th - 12th**

Dennis Hedges

**ACT Prep Classes**

School to host an ACT prep course to address test-taking strategies and skills.

***Vocational***

**Taos High 9th-12th**

James Loder

**Lumber for Woodworking Class**

The project goal is to supply students with lumber/wood so that they are able to design and build bigger projects within the Woodworking/Cabinetmaking courses

***Vocational***

**Taos Municipal Schools 9-12th**

Viola Archuleta

**Native American Parent Meetings**

The parent meeting focus is to educate and bring awareness of college and career readiness for Native American students within the district.

***STEM - Science***

**Taos Charter 1st**

Betsey Kinney

**Equipment for Student Science Notebooks**

Grant funds will purchase materials to study insect life cycles, plants and worms. Students will record data and observations in a science notebook.

***STEM - Science***

**Vista Grande High School 9th - 12th**

Alton Vogt

**Weather Station for Data Sharing**

Grant funds will purchase a weather station that will allow students to track weather patterns and trends over time, become familiar with forecasting and participate in a nationwide community of data collection through the National Weather Service.

***Vocational***

**Taos High 9th - 12th**

Benjie Apodaca

**Culinary Arts Equipment**

Taos High Chefs is a student business in the Culinary Arts Program. An equipment upgrade is needed to ensure proper food handling procedures. The request is will allow the purchase of 4 chafing dishes for events, receptions and tournament competitions.

***Vocational***

**Taos High 9th - 12th**

Matt Sandoval

**Materials for 3 Woodshop Projects**

Through this project, students will first construct 3 wood projects (mirror frame, bird house and wall shelf) that will use both power and hand tools. Grants funds will purchase the needed lumber materials.



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