



BIRMINGHAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
NETWORK BUNDLE

The Birmingham Education Foundation (Ed) is a local non-profit dedicated to increasing the number of students in Birmingham City Schools (BCS) that are graduating college, career, and life ready. We do this through a two-part strategy: by providing direct programming for students in grades 1-12 and by building a diverse network of people that advocate for excellence in education and encourage others to do the same.

The programs that make up Ed's **Network Bundle** (NB) are the foundation of our capacity- and relationship-building work:

- **Network Priority Councils** (NPC) are internal committees made up of students, educators, family members, and community and industry partners that will serve as the managing body for all NBI initiatives. This 10-20 person council should meet monthly and can be subdivided into smaller committees based on need and efficiency. In order to best steward each school's or cluster's goals, the NPC will:
 - identify a year-long priority around which to concentrate NB initiatives;
 - design, deploy and manage Network Nights, including match tracking;
 - provide support for Student Changemaker projects; and
 - collaborate with its organizational partner and Ed to accomplish NPC goals.
- **Network Nights** (NN) are local, open-to-the-public events where students, staff, families, community and industry partners come together to voice needs, set goals, plan events and provide mutual support. SCM and NPC teams can use these events to encourage community involvement in their projects. Attendees are encouraged to work together to address commonly held challenges. Network Nights may follow an agenda proposed by Ed or be adapted to local needs and objectives.
- **Student Changemakers** (SCM) is a collaboration with YouthServe that engages students who want to be a force for positive change in their communities. The 10-15 student cohort will meet bi-weekly throughout the year to identify a challenge in their school or local community and come up with a way to address it. At the end of the school year, students present their work through a showcase, blog, roundtable, Network Night or other community event.

Request for proposals

During the 2017-2018 school year, Network Bundle programs will be offered to select schools that apply for support and/or funding through an RFP (Request for Proposal). Grants for support and/or funding will be awarded in the following categories:

- Five (5) sponsored Network Bundles, which include funding for all NB programs, capacity and logistical support from Ed staff, materials, and volunteer recruitment services.
- Five (5) independent Network Bundles, which include funding for all NB programs (based on budget submitted with RFP), materials and equipment, and training for program leads and community partners.

In considering applications, priority status will be given to schools that:

- have hosted NB programs previously;
- identify one or more community partners to co-own NB programs; and/or
- collaborate with other feeder pattern schools to reach a wider community in BCS.



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NETWORK BUNDLE – APPLICATION

Please submit completed application with budget to jwcarpenter@edbirmingham.org
by August 4, 2017.

Applicants will be notified of grant status by August 11, 2017.

Prospective applicant core teams should plan to attend training at a date TBD in August.

Name _____
Title/position _____
School _____

Applying for (check one):

- Sponsored Network Bundle
- Independent Network Bundle

**Only applicants from schools with Educate Local programs may apply to the Sponsored bundle: Carver HS, Huffman HS, Jackson-Olin HS, Parker HS, Ramsay HS, Wenonah HS, Woodlawn HS; Wilkerson MS, Wylam K-8, Hudson K-8, WJ Christian, Huffman MS; Tuggle Elementary, Martha Gaskins Elementary.*

*** Applicants to the Sponsored bundle may be considered for the independent bundle.*

Please include the name and contact information for the following people/partners who will make up the Core Team and will be responsible for the facilitation of the Network Bundle programs at your school(s):

Network Priority Council program lead _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Network Night program lead

Phone _____

Email _____

Student Changemaker program lead _____

Phone _____

Email _____

External partner (organization name and lead contact) _____

Phone _____

Email _____



Why do you want Network Bundle programs at your school?

Please check all that apply:

- My school has hosted Network Bundle programs before.

If yes, please briefly state your previous experience with Network Bundle programs:

- My school is applying in partnership with one or more feeder pattern schools

If yes, please list the schools below and briefly state how you plan to partner with the schools to facilitate Network Bundle programs (which programs will be held at which site, how you will encourage vertical alignment, etc):

Applicant signature _____

Principal signature _____



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NETWORK BUNDLE – BUDGET

Please complete the following budget for all anticipated expenses. In addition, all Network Bundle grant recipients will receive a Network Kit, including A/V equipment for Network Nights, valued at \$1,600.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Cost per unit</i>	<i># of units</i>	<i>Total anticipated cost</i>
Food			
Marketing			
Venue			
Childcare			
Janitorial services			
T-shirt			
Other			
Total			

Approved grant expenses should be billed directly to Ed for payment or may be submitted as a reimbursement. All invoices, reimbursements, and expense forms must be received by June 29, 2018.