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Final call for Michigan schools to apply for LAFCU's \$10K Innovation for Education Grant

K–12 educators encouraged to submit ideas by May 1

LANSING, Mich. — Michigan K–12 schools have until May 1 to apply for LAFCU's 2026 Innovation for Education (LIFE) Grant, which will award \$10,000 to one school for a project that enhances learning, creativity, and student well-being.

Now in its third year, the LIFE Grant supports innovative classroom improvements and school initiatives that strengthen the student learning experience.

To apply, entrants are encouraged to complete an online application and submit a three- to five-minute video explaining how the funds would be used and the impact the project would have on students and staff. Applications may be submitted by teachers, administrators, parent-teacher organizations, or school clubs and councils.

"Educators often have inspiring ideas for their classrooms but limited resources to bring them to life," said Shelia Scott, LAFCU community financial education and business development officer. "This grant helps schools create spaces where students feel supported, engaged, and excited to learn."

Last year's recipient, Ellis Elementary School in Belding, used its \$10,000 award to expand calming spaces, add flexible seating, and integrate sensory tools that support social-emotional development for K–2 students.

The LIFE Grant is part of LAFCU's Pathway to Financial Transformation initiative, which focuses on strengthening financial stability, expanding access to education and resources, and helping individuals and families build a stronger future.

For more information or to apply, visit lafcu.com/life.

About LAFCU

Founded in 1936, LAFCU (pronounced laugh-cue) is a not-for-profit, member-owned credit union open to all who live, work, worship or attend school in Michigan, and to Michigan businesses.

LAFCU serves more than 74,000 members and holds over \$1 billion in assets. With a particular focus on serving people of modest means, LAFCU is committed to enhancing its members' financial well-being and creating long-lasting positive change across generations. Awarded the prestigious Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Community Service Award, LAFCU is known for its people-helping-people mission, which has led to award-winning financial literacy programs for all ages. A three-time honoree as a national 'Best Credit Union to Work For,' named a Best Place to Work for Women, and recognized globally for its diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, LAFCU stands out for its commitment to creating an inclusive workplace. Learn more at www.lafcu.com.

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