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Over \$50,000 available for teacher and classroom grant projects

Gainesville, FL– The Education Foundation of Alachua County has opened its *Catalyst for Change* grant program for the 2020-2021 school year.

Catalyst for Change is a competitive grant program that awards teachers and schools for innovative classroom projects that increase student engagement. Grant recipients will receive \$2,000 to \$5,000 for projects that focus on career and technical education, STEM education, improving literacy, low-performing students, teaching quality and high school graduation rates.

These grants are funded by the State of Florida's School District Education Foundation Matching Grant Program. Each year, this program provides The Education Foundation with the opportunity to match private partner donations, including Florida Credit Union and Duke Energy, with a \$1 for \$1 match that goes toward investing in eligible classroom initiatives. For the 2020-2021 school year, The Education Foundation will receive \$53,000 from the matching grant, for a total of \$106,000 to be invested in education. \$50,000 has been specifically earmarked for *Catalyst for Change*.

The Education Foundation of Alachua County will host a grant-writing training on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, with the Alachua County Public School Grants Department for any teacher, principal or school educator interested in applying.

Applications are due by October 5, 2020, at 5 p.m.

For more information, please visit <http://edfoundationac.org/catalyst-for-change/>.

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The Education Foundation of Alachua County, Inc. is a 501(C)3 organization founded in 1986 to support the Alachua County Public Schools. The Foundation has three programs: Senior Scholarship, Take Stock in Children and Catalyst for Change. For more information, please visit <http://edfoundationac.org/about-us/>.