

# Guidelines for Public School Funding Program 2019-2020 School Year

The goal of the ONE Gas Public School Funding program is to improve the classroom experience in secondary schools and provide opportunities to cultivate and enhance relationships with community leaders while improving workforce development.

### **GIVING PRIORITIES**

- Classroom enrichment projects and instructional technology
- Durable curriculum-based teaching materials and equipment

#### **PROCESS**

ONE Gas Foundation supports secondary education by partnering with DonorsChoose.org to support their teacher-driven funding platform. DonorsChoose.org is an independent 501(c)(3) organization operating a nation-wide website which spotlights instructional needs in public school classrooms.

Through this partnership, ONE Gas and its operating companies—Kansas Gas Service, Oklahoma Natural Gas and Texas Gas Service—review the applications submitted by teachers and award funds for those we believe represent maximum classroom enrichment. This competitive review process of STEM and STEAM proposals submitted by teachers involves internal evaluation of grant requests based on impact, innovation, socio-economic need and estimated duration of use.

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Grants will be given in public school districts located within the <u>ONE Gas service</u> territory.
- No teacher grants will be funded for more than \$2,500 unless an exception is granted by the public school funding program coordinator for ONE Gas.

## **GRANT PROGRAM TIMELINE**

 Grants are awarded from January through April in accordance with approvals by Community Relations staff members in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas.