CASEY'S CASH FOR CLASSROOMS · GRIT GRANT KIT

# Casey's can fund GRiT next year. Start from our draft.

Schools in Casey's 19 states can apply for $3,000 to $50,000, and teacher training is one of the four funded categories. Add your school's details below to build a first draft, make each answer your own, and we'll send your quote in one business day.

**$3K to $50K**
Per grant

**Nov 13**
Applications close, 2026

**March 2027**
Schools hear back

**12 months**
To use the funds, which fits the 2027-28 school year

**GRiTelementary version** · rewirededu.com/caseys-grant · Questions or a quote: rewirededu.com/contact

HOW IT WORKS

## Four steps, about 30 minutes

1

### Request a quote

Tell us your grades and enrollment. We send a GRiT quote within one business day, so your budget line is done.

2

### Add your details

Type your school name, town and numbers into the builder below. Every answer updates as you type.

3

### Make it yours

Read each draft answer and change anything that doesn't sound like your school. Then open the application from **Casey's grant page**, sign in, choose your nearest Casey's store and enter your answers.

4

### Submit by Nov 13

Upload your quote, then submit before 11:59 PM on November 13. Tell us when you do.

WHERE GRIT FITS

## Apply under Teacher support

Casey's funds four kinds of projects. GRiT is mostly teacher training, with curriculum materials alongside it.

CHOOSE THIS

### Teacher support

Training and certification for your teachers, ready-to-teach lessons and coaching through the year.

ALSO FITS

### Material needs

The curriculum license, student journals and the GRiT Compass check-in dashboard.

SOMETIMES

### Community engagement

GRiTedu's community outreach project connects high schoolers with their town.

NOT GRIT

### Physical improvements

Buildings, playgrounds and fields.

THE ANSWERS

# Draft answers to start from

These are drafts to start from. Fill in the underlined blanks and edit each answer so it tells your school's story in your own words before you enter it on the Casey's application. For a version with your details filled in, use the builder at rewirededu.com/caseys-grant.

## Before the essay boxes: what to check and pick

- **Grant eligibility.** Check the box confirming you represent a tax-exempt organization benefiting a K-12 school in Casey's 19 states, and the box acknowledging that awards are announced March to April 2027.
- **Free and reduced lunch.** Check it only if at least 50% of your students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
- **Casey's store.** Choose your state, then the Casey's store nearest your school. The population fills in from the store.
- **Funding Priorities.** Choose Teacher Support.
- **Uploads.** Two slots: your GRiT quote and the **GRiT program overview (PDF)**.

## Describe the organization's objectives

Swap in your school or district mission statement if you have one.

[School name] serves [number of] students in grades K-5 in [Town], [State]. Our objective is to help every student grow academically and as a person, so they leave us ready for the next step, whether that is the next grade, college, the workforce or the military. We want every student to have the skills to handle stress, build strong relationships and lead, and every teacher to have the tools to teach those skills.

## Summarize the project or need

Add one local number if you have it (climate survey, attendance, discipline).

Our teachers see students who struggle to handle stress, work through conflict and ask for help. Teachers want to help, but most of us were never trained to teach these skills, and our budget doesn't have room for a full curriculum and training this year.

This grant will bring GRiTelementary, a social-emotional learning and leadership curriculum from RewiredEDU, into morning meeting and classroom routines in every K-5 classroom for the 2027-28 school year. GRiT teaches students how their brains respond to stress, emotions and relationships, then gives them simple tools to use those skills every day. GRiTelementary builds regulation, belonging and early habits into the rhythm of the school day, in language a K-5 student can hold onto. Lessons are short, ready to teach and woven into morning meeting and classroom routines, so they don't take a separate block. Teachers record quarterly whole-class observations, so we can see each classroom grow without collecting individual student data.

The grant pays for teacher training and certification, a full year of curriculum, student materials and access to GRiT Compass, the program's live check-in dashboard. Our own teachers deliver every lesson, so the skills and training stay in our building after the grant year ends.

## Funding amount requested

Between $3,000 and $50,000. Use the total from your RewiredEDU quote.

[total from your quote]

## Total project budget

Same as the request unless you are adding other money (for example, more grades paid by the district).

[total from your quote]

## Amount raised to date

Enter $0 unless another grant, sponsor or your budget already covers part of it.

$0

## Funding Priorities

Pick one.

Teacher Support

## Describe the impact of this contribution.

[number of] students in grades K-5 and [number of] teachers will take part in 2027-28. Because GRiTelementary runs into morning meeting and classroom routines in every K-5 classroom, every student in those grades benefits, not only those who sign up. [number of] teachers will be trained and certified to teach the skills, and that training stays with our school after the grant year.

Students will learn to recognize stress and calm themselves, work through conflict, ask for help and lead others. GRiT was built and tested in North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where schools using it have seen a 15% increase in mindset and ownership and about 60% fewer disciplinary interventions.

Teachers record quick whole-class observations each quarter, which feed into GRiT Compass, so we can see how each classroom is growing without collecting individual student data. We will also compare attendance and discipline with the year before.

After 2027-28 we will use our results to decide on renewal, funded through our operating budget, federal Title IV-A or Title II-A funds, or local partners. We will thank Casey's in our family newsletter, on social media and at a school board meeting, and invite our local Casey's team to visit a GRiT lesson.

## Describe the project timeline.

March to April 2027: grant awarded; we confirm the plan with RewiredEDU.
Spring to summer 2027: license purchased and **[number of]** teachers complete GRiT training and certification.
August to September 2027: lessons start, with the first check-ins and fall survey.
2027-28 school year: lessons run all year, and we review GRiT Compass results each quarter.
Spring 2028: end of year results shared with Casey's and our school board.

## Upload any supporting documentation

Two upload slots, 29 MB max each.

1. Your GRiT quote from RewiredEDU (we email it as a PDF).
2. The GRiT program overview, rewirededu.com/assets/docs/grit-program-overview.pdf (or a letter of support from your principal or superintendent).

BUILT IN WISCONSIN CLASSROOMS

# Proof you can put in front of a reviewer

> GRiT is the first curriculum tool I've seen in my 21-year career that truly equips today's students with the skills they need to be successful. It's real and relevant, pushing students to recognize, analyze, and respond to the many situations, emotions, and challenges they face every day.

**Principal, Bessie Allen Middle School**
North Fond du Lac, WI

## Get your quote and finished answers

Request a quote at rewirededu.com/caseys-grant and we reply within one business day. Applications close Friday, November 13, 2026.