Development Grants

Development grant requests can only be submitted in conjunction with IDEAS initial proposals. The deadlines are November 14 for fall initial proposals and March 13 for spring initial proposals.

Development grants are intended to help you research and prepare for your final IDEAS entry. You should ask for the amount that will enable you to produce a viable sample or design, and an effective display. We will consider your request whether it's $30 or $1000, but you should be ready with alternative plans in case we are unable to support the whole amount requested.

You can use the funds for the following sorts of expenses:

- purchase materials for prototypes
- travel to meet with community partners
- hire a professional to do short-term work that is beyond your team's capacity
- rent equipment
- purchase safety equipment
- photocopy
- long distance phone calls

However, you cannot use funds to pay team members or for project implementation. If you have questions about what development grants can and can't cover, contact Alison Hynd at ideas-admin@mit.edu

The development grant application should include:

- an explanation about what you plan to accomplish with the funds and how that will improve your final entry to IDEAS
- a general timeline that indicates when the funds will be used (funds must be used before the IDEAS final entry deadline)
- an itemized budget breakdown showing what is needed, the purpose of each item, and a cost estimate, including shipping
- the total amount requested

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