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<b>Date/Purpose of Most-Recent Grant Received from HCPTA:</b>	Spring 2018
<b>Local Unit Name:</b>	Grissom High School PTSA
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<b>Project Name:</b>	Partnering with New Feeder Elementary School
<b>I hereby verify that the PTA/PTSA President has approved the project that is the subject of this grant application.</b>	Yes
<b>I hereby verify that the Principal has approved the project that is the subject of this grant application.</b>	Yes
<b>Please explain in detail your proposed project, program, or activity.</b>	In an effort to create a sense of unity with the new elementary feeder school and its community in the Grissom High School pattern, we would like to sponsor a Community Spring Fling or Ice Cream Social at McDonnell Elementary. We would like to include the student groups from Grissom High School and Mountain Gap P-8 in this event and work towards creating a sense of community the incorporates everyone. This event would be the culmination of a year long effort where by Grissom PTSA along with Mountain Gap PTA, Bailey Cove Friends of the Library and GFWC Legacy Women's Club support the school by collecting bottle caps and Box Tops for the school, supplying used books for the classroom libraries, donating items for the community clothes closet at the school, and other efforts as the need is identified. There is also a proposed plan to build and stock a Free Little Library on the school property for students and community to be able to access books during the school holidays.
<b>Which grant objective is this project, program, or activity designed to enhance? (check all that apply)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcoming All Families</li> <li>Supporting Student Success</li> <li>Standing Up for Every Child</li> <li>Sharing Power</li> <li>Collaborating with the Community</li> </ul>

**How long will the project run? If it will continue beyond this year, how do you plan to support its continuation?**

While the McDonnell Elementary students and community will receive the direct benefit from this program, the Grissom PTSA Board feels that this will also benefit our students and our neighborhoods as we learn to work together to create a unified school community. It would be our hope that the McDonnell Elementary administration and community would recognize the benefit of a healthy, well-functioning PTA unit and would be motivated to re-establish an unit at their school.

**What are the anticipated costs of your project? Has funding been sought from other sources?**

This project will run through the 2018-2019 academic year with the culmination of the program being a Spring Fling or Ice Cream Social at McDonnell Elementary. It is anticipated that GFWC Legacy will continue to partner with Bailey Cove Friends of the Library to stock the Free Little Library and classroom libraries well after the completion of this academic year.

**Is there additional information that the Grants Committee needs to consider about this project?**

Ideally, we would like to host a Spring Fling with carnival type games and balloons for the children. The anticipated cost of this would be \$200 for the games, materials and token prizes. Games and other materials would be left with McDonnell Elementary for future events. It would be our hope that this could be an ongoing event hosted by McDonnell Elementary based on model established this year. We would provide an ice cream cart and Coke trailer as well as other food items such as hot dogs and chips. While we would attempt to have items donated by local vendors, parents, civic groups, etc., there will still be anticipated expenses of approximately \$250. Then, of course, there would be the cost for publicity and tickets for the carnival as well as other supplies anticipated at \$100. While each McDonnell student would receive a limited number of free tickets for the games and concessions, additional tickets would be available for purchase at a discounted rate.

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This project is still very much in the developmental stage. However, Grissom PTSA Co-Presidents have met and discussed this program with the the McDonnell Elementary principal. Grissom PTSA Board and Mountain PTA Board have voted to support this effort, and GFWC Legacy Woman's Club has committed to support this program during this academic year. Additionally, we will be reaching out to Whitesburg PTA as they are also in the feeder pattern for McDonnell Elementary, and a local church has expressed interest in assisting with the carnival.