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**IMPORTANT: The credit union's legal name is simply LAFCU. It is pronounced laugh-cue. The letters no longer represent an abbreviation of a former longer name.**

**Deadline nears for LAFCU’s $10K Innovation for Education grant**

*Michigan K-12 schools encouraged to apply by April 30*

LANSING, Mich. — Michigan K-12 schools have until April 30 to apply for LAFCU’s Innovation for Education (LIFE) grant, which will award $10,000 to one school for upgrades that enhance the learning environment. The grant can be used for projects such as flexible seating, updated technology, equipment upgrades, or special initiatives like a school garden or sensory room.

Now in its second year, the grant underscores LAFCU’s commitment to education by helping schools create more engaging and enriching spaces for students and staff.

“Schools often have big ideas but limited budgets,” said Shelia Scott, LAFCU’s community financial education and business development officer. “Through this grant, we hope to help educators bring meaningful projects to life that create inspiring, student-centered spaces where learning can truly thrive.”

To apply, entrants must submit an online application, including a link to a short video—between three and five minutes—explaining how the funds would be used and the impact they would have on students and staff. The winning school will be announced May 15.

Applications are open to all Michigan K-12 schools, and may be submitted by teachers, administrators, parent-teacher organizations, or school councils and clubs.

For more information and to apply, visit [www.lafcu.com/life](http://www.lafcu.com/life).

**About LAFCU**

Founded in 1936, LAFCU (pronounced laugh-cue) is a not-for-profit, member-owned credit union open to all who live, work, worship or attend school in Michigan, and to Michigan businesses. LAFCU serves more than 74,000 members and holds over $1 billion in assets. With a particular focus on serving people of modest means, LAFCU is committed to enhancing its members' financial well-being and creating long-lasting positive change across generations. Awarded the prestigious Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Community Service Award, LAFCU is known for its people-helping-people mission, which has led to award-winning financial literacy programs for all ages. Twice honored as a national ‘Best Credit Union to Work For’ and recognized globally for its diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, LAFCU stands out for its commitment to creating an inclusive workplace. Learn more at [www.lafcu.com](http://www.lafcu.com).

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