

Makersmiths Inc. Grant Committee Report

May 21, 2026

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The following are the activities that have been completed or started in late April or May up to May 21, 2026 . Details follow.

Activity Log

Tt Topic	Tt Date	👤 Owner	📄 Status
1. Submitted for and Accepted into ARPA Nonprofit Professional Development: Building Capacity for Diversified Funds	Apr 27, 2026	Christopher Meid	Completed ▾
2. ARPA Grant Class	May 20, 2026	Christopher Meid	In progress ▾
3. Draft Grant for Classroom Capability Expansion	May 20, 2026	Christopher Meid	In progress ▾

1. ARPA Nonprofit Professional Development: Building Capacity for Diversified Funds: In early April Christo submitted for the class on behalf of Makersmiths with James Waldron ’s approval and support. On April 27th we were informed that we had been accepted into the program, the goal of which is to help 5 Loudoun County non-profists navigate the grant development and application process, including coursework on prospectging and applying for grants.
2. ARPA Grant Class. The first class was held on May 20. Christo Meid and Owen Doherty attended on behalf of Makersmiths, Inc. The first class focused on prospecting for grants using various tools such as [grants.gov](#), as well as working on writing compelling Needs statements. Homework has been assigned to complete the needs statement and select the organization to which we would like to apply. Work on this application will continue throughout the class.
3. Draft Grant for Classrom Capability Expansion: based on conversations with Owen Doherty and Diane Painter , the concept was presented in class that we would submit for Makersmith Classroom Capability Expansion. Based on the foundation selected <https://www.vsrfoundation.com/> , we should be able to apply for computers and

electronic equipment to improve the classroom. This particular foundation has few constraints on grant applications, so it would provide us the most flexibility of the foundations or other grant organizations reviewed so far as part of the class.

Note: At this time this is merely a homework assignment, but with approval of the Board the result could be used for an actual grant application.

Detailed decision log

 Added by	 Topic	 Decision	 Notes	 Owner	 Status	 Last Updated
Christoph...	Appointment of Christopher Meid as Grant Committee Chair		 File	James Waldron	In progress ▾	May 21, 2026
Christoph...	Develop Classroom Capability Expansion Grant		 File	Christopher Meid	In progress ▾	May 21, 2026
Christoph...	Poll Members on Needs, etc.		 File	 Person	Not started ▾	May 21, 2026
Christoph...	Develop list of 2-3 additional grant projects		 File	 Person	Not started ▾	May 21, 2026