

MINI GRANTS

FOR TEACHERS

To: Santa Clara County Educators

From: Jivan Dhaliwal
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Teachers Network Lead for Santa Clara County

Re: **Mini-grants for teachers**

The Santa Clara County Office of Education, as an affiliate of the *Teachers Network of New York City*, is pleased to announce the 2007-2008 TeachNet/IMPACT II mini-grant program for K-12 public school teachers. These grants are an excellent way for teachers to develop and share innovative lesson plans and to learn from other teachers in the county. Mini-grants up to \$550 are available for individual teachers or teacher teams who wish to develop innovative and creative classroom lessons that they are willing to share with other teachers.

The attached application and project description pages explain the program. For those of you who would like more information, there will be a Teach Net/Impact II Orientation Meeting on May 3, 2007 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. We encourage all teachers or site administrators who are interested in learning more about the mini grant process and the *Teachers Network of New York City* to attend. Additionally, the Teacher's Network website is a great resource for new and veteran teachers. Take a look at www.teachersnetwork.org.

Please contact Mayra Ayala at (408) 453-4330 or by email at mayra_ayala@sccoe.org if you are interested in attending the May 3 meeting.

Sincerely,

Jivan Dhaliwal
Teachers Network Lead for Santa Clara County

Santa Clara County Office of Education

TeachNet/Impact II Mini Grants

Frequently Asked Questions

As an affiliate of the New York City Teachers Network, the SCCOE offers teachers the opportunity to participate in the TeachNet/Impact II Mini Grant Program.

What are TeachNet/Impact II grants?

Impact II recognizes public school teachers in our county for developing innovative and creative standards-based classroom lessons, units, programs, and strategies. Teachers who wish to develop and implement an original standards-based lesson, unit, program or strategy are invited to apply for a mini grant.

Who may apply?

All public school teachers in Santa Clara County are invited to participate. Teachers may apply individually or as a team and share the grant money.

How much may be requested?

Individuals or teams may apply for up to \$550.

What is the deadline for submitting a proposal?

The deadline for submitting proposals for the 2007-2008 school year is Friday, June 15, 2007. Notification of grant awards will be made by August 1, 2007.

What are the criteria?

- Proposal offers an innovative or creative approach to teaching
- Improves student achievement
- Expands on existing teaching strategies
- Encourages active student participation
- Improves student interest and motivation
- Addresses current issues or challenges
- Aligns with state standards

While this program funds a wide variety of projects in all curricular areas and at all grade levels, this year additional consideration will be given to mini grant requests at the elementary level in mathematics, science, history/social science, and the visual and performing arts; at the secondary level (middle and high schools) for reading in content areas other than English/language arts.

What is my responsibility should I submit a successful grant application?

Grant recipients must submit a final report by May 31, 2008. A form will be sent to you for this purpose. You may also be invited to attend and display your project at a recognition event or teacher faire. Your report becomes the property of the SCCOE and may be disseminated through an SCCOE publication.

Where do I send my grant application?

Santa Clara County Office of Education
TeachNet/Impact II
ATTN: Jivan Dhaliwal
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131-2398

You may also submit via email at: Jivan_dhaliwal@sccoe.org

Whom do I contact for more information?

Jivan Dhaliwal @ 408-453-4354 or jivan_dhaliwal@sccoe.org

Schools Plus/Impact II Mini Grant

2007-2008 Application

Deadline June 15, 2007

GENERAL INFORMATION (Please type. All information must be completed)

A. Applicant Name _____
Title/Position _____ Social Security # _____
Home Address _____
Home Telephone _____ Email _____
School District _____ School _____
School Address _____
School Telephone & Fax _____
School Principal _____

B. Co-Applicant Name _____
Title/Position _____ Social Security # _____
Home Address _____
Home Telephone _____ Email _____

NOTE: Grant funds will be mailed to Applicant's home address.

PROJECT INFORMATION

A. Project Title _____
B. Curricular Area _____
C. Grade Level _____
D. Budget Request _____

Applicant Signature & Date

Principal Signature & Date

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The narrative should be typed, double spaced, and not more than three letter-size, single-sided pages. Please, complete a description of your program using the following format:

- *Title of Program*
- *Abstract of Grant Request* – A one paragraph summary description.
- *Narrative* – Describe your program clearly and precisely. Include standards addressed, instructional objectives, skills taught, and the purpose of your program. Elaborate with examples of what students will do and learn. Provide at least one detailed example of a classroom activity. Explain what is innovative about your approach to teaching this concept(s).
- *Evaluation* – How will you evaluate or measure successful achievement of objectives and overall project.
- *Timetable* – Detailed timeline for implementation of grant.
- *Describe the Students:* - Indicate the grade level, number of students and their abilities. State whether your program is done in small groups or with the whole class, and if it could be implemented with different class levels.
- *Materials and Facilities* – Describe the space requirements and facilities needed. Use the Materials Budget page to list the materials that are needed and those that can be purchased to make your program more successful. Include prices of materials, quantities needed and suppliers. This list would be used as a reference for teachers who may choose to adapt your program, and should be thorough. (Note: Indicate by checkmark in the appropriate column those materials you will be purchasing with grant funds. That fund total should match your Budget Request noted in PROJECT INFORMATION.)
- *Outside Resources* – Include activities such as field trips, speakers and business partners, etc., if applicable.
- *Overall Value* – Write a few sentences to “sell” your project. Describe the project’s best features, innovative aspects and contributions to student achievement. Explain why other teachers would want to adapt it for their class.

Please, staple materials together; do not put them in a folder. Do not include anything larger than 8 1/2 x 11 or that cannot be attached to your application. Keep a copy for your records, as your material will not be returned.

Applications must be received by Friday, June 15, 2007.

Send your application to:

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