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2009 – 2010 Request for Projects

Teacher Incentive Mini-Grants Program

Background

The SouthCoast Education Compact (the Compact) is a private/public partnership between business leaders, area School Superintendents, the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and Bristol Community College to collectively address the level of educational attainment in the South Coast region. Founded in 1997, the Compact serves 15 cities and towns including Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Fall River, Freetown, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, Seekonk, Somerset, Swansea, Wareham, and Westport.

The Compact serves as a catalyst to facilitate increased involvement by the region's Chief Executive Officers (CEOs), area businesses, and the education community in programs and activities that build successful partnerships with area public schools. Since its inception, our members have worked to implement initiatives that support educational attainment in the region's K-12 schools while promoting regionalism as a way to collectively address educational issues in the South Coast region.

What is a Compact Mini-Grant?

The Compact offers Teacher Incentive Mini-Grants for curriculum improvement in a variety of subject areas including the humanities, science, math, reading, arts and cultural projects as well as language arts. These grants are intended to help teachers improve the content of courses they already teach, reach out to parents to help them connect with their child's learning process, or to develop a new classroom project that will enhance core learning. Only one grant per school will be awarded.

Who can apply?

Any K-12 public, parochial or charter school teacher in a SouthCoast Compact school district who has taught for at least two years at either the elementary or secondary level.

What are the maximum grant amounts?

The Compact will award up to \$250.00 to support teachers in developing curricula, improving current courses, or creating new classroom projects. The Compact expects to award 15 mini-grants in Compact school districts.

What types of projects are acceptable?

Projects can take many forms: consulting with scholars or business leaders, development of audiovisual or multimedia programs, research to develop or expand a course, creating classroom materials for student engagement, organizing school parents' nights for parent outreach on content areas, including exhibits, festivals, short-term artist residencies or performances in schools, workshops and lectures. These are only a few examples. We welcome creative ideas that will enhance the learning experience for SouthCoast students.

Use of Grant Funds

Grants may be used for purchasing materials and other costs associated with implementing the project. Grants cannot be used for student travel, field trips, equipment or honorariums.

Application Process

Complete the Teacher Incentive Mini-Grant application form. Please keep the entire application to no more than 2-3 pages with an estimated budget. Appropriate signoffs must be included from the school principal and/or executive director. Application must be typed. **Applications must be received by Monday, November 2, 2009.**

Final Report

The project should be completed by June 2010. A final report is due by June 30, 2010. Report should include a short narrative on the outcomes of the project including the numbers of children or families served as well as any press the activity garnered.

Please mail or e-mail completed application to the following address:

Lee Blake, Director
SouthCoast Education Compact
University of MA Dartmouth
200 Mill Road, Suite 150C
Fairhaven, MA 02719
Lblake@umassd.edu

If you have any questions concerning the application process, please contact Lee Blake at (774) 929-3035 or at Lblake@umassd.edu .

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A. Teacher Mini-Grant Application Form 2009– 2010

Title of Project _____

Name and title of person completing application _____

Name of School/Organization _____

School Address _____

city/state/ zip

Website address, if any _____

Phone number _____ Fax number _____

E-Mail address _____

Authorized official and title _____

principal or executive director

Phone number (if different from above) _____

Grade level _____

Grant will benefit students/parents in what core subject _____

Amount requested \$ _____

Number of schoolchildren expected to benefit from the project _____

Signature of principal of school where the project will take place

B. NARRATIVE

Please answer the following questions as briefly as possible (no more than 2 pages). Narrative for selected projects may be posted on SouthCoast Education Compact website.

- How do you propose to use this grant?
- Please give a general overview of the proposed project including what activities the grant will support.
- What would you like to see accomplished as a result of this project?
- How will the project be evaluated? How will you know if you are successful?
- What is the anticipated impact this project will have on students' learning in a core academic subject?
- Please attach a brief budget. Show funds requested, as well as any supplementary funding that will be applied to the project.
- How will the project and its outcomes be shared with other colleagues?

DEADLINE

Proposals must be received (not postmarked) at The SouthCoast Education Compact no later than Monday, **November 2, 2009**. Applicants will be notified of decisions in December 2009.

Please mail your application and all required materials in ONE envelope to:

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Budget Information

Detail the total amount requested from the SouthCoast Education Compact Teacher Incentive Mini-grant program. The amount may not exceed \$250.00.

Briefly explain how each budget item you list relates to your program activities.

1) Materials (please include a brief description, the quantity, and cost for each item.)

2) Other expenses (rentals of equipment, video tapes and films, meeting space, registration fees, refreshments, etc.)

Here is an example of budget items for PROJECT EXPENSES

A.Salaries/Fees

1. Artist/Humanist/
Interpretive Scientist \$ _____

2. Administrative \$ _____

3. Other _____ \$ _____

B. Space Rental \$ _____

C. Travel \$ _____

D. Class Materials \$ _____

E. Remaining Project Expenses

1. Equipment Rental \$ _____

2. Project supplies or consumables \$ _____

3. Printing \$ _____

4. Shipping/Postage \$ _____

5 Other _____ \$ _____

F.TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES

\$ _____