
MEMORANDUM No. 2014-050

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Lachelle Brant, Education Program Consultant
Support Systems and Resources Division

DATE: April 14, 2014

SUBJECT: 2014-2015 Wyoming Education
Trust Fund Grant Application Package

WYOMING EDUCATION TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION

Instructions for the grant application included in memo

CHEYENNE - The State Advisory Council for Innovative Education requests district superintendents review the attached material and disburse the grant application information to principals and teachers in your district. The full application is also available on the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) website at: <http://edu.wyoming.gov/beyond-the-classroom/grants/innovative-education/>.

The grant deadline is May 30, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

The WDE has funds available for distribution to school districts annually as innovative program grants, in hopes of creating innovative educational opportunities for public school students of all levels. The statute authorizing this funding, W.S. 21-22-106, states that funding should provide innovation in or improvement of public education through creation of new, different and improved educational opportunities in elementary and secondary schools inclusive of the following:

- Curriculum development activities such as initiatives in foreign languages; mathematics;

social studies; English and the sciences; programs to develop critical or creative thinking; programs involving the private sector; and programs providing parental and family training.

- Operational initiatives such as modification to class schedules; school day; week; month or year; calendar; and scheduling of extracurricular activities.
- Administrator and staff development and improvement programs such as performance incentives; awards for excellence; professional training and development programs; and performance evaluation programs.
- Acquisition of technological equipment for programs expanding curriculum; enriching student education; enhancing staff development; and providing community service. Applied science and technology programs designed to meet future labor market demands and to integrate public school programs with the needs of business and industry.
- Technical preparation programs integrating specific public school programs with community college programs, and working with business and industry to prepare students for technical and academic careers.
- Evaluation programs designed to determine the effect and achievement of innovative programs previously funded or currently provided within the district.
- Public early childhood programs including those designed to better prepare children for elementary school, and to improve parents' skills in developing their children's learning skills.

Funds through the Wyoming Education Trust Fund are available as one-year grants to any public school district. Districts may apply individually or in conjunction with other districts. A total of \$300,000 is available for this RFP. An estimated 5-7 grants will be awarded.

Funds will be distributed to the district(s) awarded the grants on or prior to August 15, 2014. W.S. 21-22-107 (c) clearly states that at least one qualifying grant must be awarded if possible in each of the following classifications based on average daily membership (ADM):

Classification I	Less than 500 ADM
Classification II	500 but less than 1,000 ADM
Classification III	1,000 but less than 2,000 ADM
Classification IV	2,000 or greater ADM

** If districts apply as a consortium, the ADM classification will be adjusted to include ADM of all participating consortium districts according to the classifications above.*

CONTENTS OF THIS APPLICATION INCLUDE

- Competitive grant requirements
- Cover Page/assurances (single page)
- 2014-2015 grant application
- Scoring guide
- Sample self-evaluation format

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT

- Create a proposal using the provided grant application template and requirements provided with a font of not less than 10 points. Each section of the application must be limited to one page.
- Complete cover page/assurances and attach to the upper left-hand corner of the application. The application packet is available on the WDE website: <http://edu.wyoming.gov/beyond-the-classroom/grants/innovative-education/>. Only proposals that comply with these requirements will be considered.
- Proposal will not be accepted without the district superintendent's signature on the assurances page. Electronic signatures are acceptable.
- Comments must be limited to the space provided on the proposal. Submit one (1) original and (5) copies to

Wyoming Department of Education
Education Trust Fund Grant Proposal
2300 Capitol Avenue, Second Floor
Cheyenne, WY 82002
Attn: Lachelle Brant

Grant proposals must be received on or before May 30, 2014

For more information, contact Lachelle Brant at (307) 777-3679 or lachelle.brant@wyo.gov.

Attachments

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