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MEMORANDUM NO. 2016-036

TO: District Superintendents
FROM: Brent Young, Chief Academic Officer
DATE: March 7, 2016
SUBJECT: Dispersal of the 2016-2017 Wyoming Education Trust Fund Grant Application Package

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR WYOMING EDUCATION TRUST FUND GRANT

DUE MAY 27

The State Advisory Council for Innovative Education is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 Wyoming Education Trust Fund Grant. The purpose of the grant is to create innovative educational opportunities for public school students at all levels. .

Funds from a separate general fund revenue source are available to the Wyoming Department of Education via W.S. 21-22-102 to distribute to school districts annually as innovative program grants. W.S. 21-22-106 states that the funding should provide innovation in or improvement of public education through the 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 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 for one-year grants to any public school district. Districts may apply individually or in conjunction with other districts. A total of \$300,000.00 is available for this RFP. An estimated five (5) to seven (7) grants will be awarded.

Funds will be distributed to the district[s] awarded the grants on or prior to August 15, 2016. 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 the ADM of all participating consortium districts according to the classifications above.

Contents of this application include:

1. Competitive Grant Requirements
2. Cover Page/Assurances (single page)
3. 2016-2017 Grant Application
4. Scoring Guide
5. Sample Self-Evaluation Format

Applicants must 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 district superintendent's signature on the Assurances Page.
- Comments must be limited to the space provided on the proposal.
- Applications may be submitted digitally, if one original copy is submitted to the Department of Education and postmarked by grant deadline date of **May 27, 2016**.
- Submit one (1) original copy with signatures to:

*Wyoming Department of Education, Education Trust Fund Grant Proposal
Hathaway Building
2300 Capitol Avenue
Second Floor, Cheyenne, WY 82002
Attn: Alicia Kerns & Lori Kimbrough*

If you have questions or concerns about the grant program, contact Alicia Kerns at (307) 777-3679 or alicia.kerns1@wyo.gov or Lori Kimbrough at (307)777-7418 or lori.kimbrough1@wyo.gov.

Attachments:

Grant Assurances
Grant Evaluation
Competitive Grant Requirements
Scoring Guide
Grant Application