MEMORANDUM NO. 2020-012

TO: School District Superintendents
    Principals
    Curriculum Directors
    Technology Directors
    Career Technical Education Directors
    Teachers

FROM: Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: January 27, 2020

SUBJECT: Wyoming Education Trust Fund Grant Availability

2020-21 WYOMING EDUCATION TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 28

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) invites districts to apply for the Wyoming Education Trust Fund for Innovative Education Grant. The application and additional information is available [here](#). The application deadline is 5 p.m. on February 28, 2020.

The purpose of the grant is to provide funding for innovation in, or improvement of, public education at all grade levels through the creation of new, different and improved educational opportunities in elementary and secondary schools inclusive of the following:

- Curriculum development activities.
- Operational initiatives.
- Administrator and staff development and improvement programs.
- Acquisition of technological equipment.
- Applied science and technology programs.
- Technical preparation programs.
- Evaluation programs.
- Public early childhood programs.
For the grant award year 2020-21, applications showing creation or improvement of Computer Science (CS) programs and CS professional development will be given higher priority.

Funds are available for one-year grants to any public school district. Districts may apply individually, or in conjunction with other districts or educational institutions. Of the approximately $250,000* available, an estimated five to seven grants will be awarded.

Successful districts will be notified by March 30, 2020. Funds will be distributed to the awarded districts by July 31, 2020 and available for use until June 30, 2021. W.S. 21-22-107 (c), page 492, 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

*Award amounts are contingent upon availability of state funding.

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