

Mini-Grants for Teachers

Helping teachers teach and kids learn.



As the community foundation for the South Plains area, the Community Foundation of West Texas, formerly the Lubbock Area Foundation, works to address the needs most relevant to this community, providing lasting benefits to the people of the South Plains, and providing donors a charitable home through which their contributions can help the community now and for generations to come.

How Does It Work?

Through a very simple application process, K-12 teachers can apply for grant funding to provide enriching academic experiences in their classrooms. Typical grant awards range from \$300 - \$1,000. Grant applications are due by June 15th of each year.

Our objective is to encourage and support teachers who have great ideas for creative use of curriculum that will provide enhanced learning experiences for students. Mini-Grants enable the purchase of special materials and resources for the classroom and are intended to support projects that are not provided for within school budgets or through other means.

All grant recipients are expected to report on the expenditure of grant funds and results of the supported project within one year of the award.

Who Can Apply?

All South Plains region K-12 teachers are encouraged to apply. Eligibility includes public schools and non-public schools recognized by the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission (TEPSAC) and the Commissioner of Education. No more than one grant will be awarded per teacher per year.

Why Mini-Grants for Teachers?

Every day teachers are faced with keeping children interested and challenged with few resources beyond basic curriculum. Limited school budgets often cannot support the creative ideas and enriching material teachers want to bring to their classrooms to meet student needs.

We recognize that students come from diverse backgrounds, have different learning styles, and can benefit from creative learning opportunities and a deeper grounding in course material.

The Mini-Grants for Teachers program brings together the resources of regional funders who have an interest in K-12 education. By working together, we are impacting the ability of educators to create meaningful learning experiences for children throughout the South Plains area.

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Funding Priorities

A committee consisting of educators, community volunteers, donors and Community Foundation of West Texas Board and staff reviews applications. The committee members will not know the identity of the teacher and school. Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

Impact: Potential to improve student achievement; potential for continuation and/or replication; potential to enhance instructional skills

Planning: Clear plan for project implementation; teacher capability; cost effectiveness and realistic budget;

Innovation: Creativity of project; innovative approach; academic objective within curriculum context

Existing Resources: Grant funding will not supplant existing funding - project cannot be achieved with existing school budget

Excluded Projects

Mini-grant applications will not be considered for renovation of facilities, religious activities or teachings, equipment, non-academic projects, trips out of this region, or tuition for special classes.

“Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education. The human mind is our fundamental resource.”

To Apply

1. Fill out the Mini-Grants for Teachers Application online at: <http://communityfoundationofwesttexas.org/grants/mini-grants/>
2. Print a copy for your records.
3. Click Submit - applications must be received by June 15th

We will confirm that we have received your email. An email will also be sent to your principal to verify that he/she endorses your proposal.



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