



Classroom Innovation Grant Application (*formerly Venture Grants*)

Deadline - October 27, 2010

Overview

The information that you will include in the attached application form will provide the LPEF Grants Committee with the data needed to determine whether or not to fund your project. Applications may be from staff, students, parents or community members who partner with School District of La Crosse staff. Applications for other opportunities with the Foundation are available for download on our website at www.lpefonline.org.

Guidelines

- Grants must serve the students in the School District of La Crosse.
- Projects must be innovative, creative and new funding initiatives within the School District of La Crosse.
- The grant may be denied if another funding source might be more appropriate.
- Project funds must be spent by May of 2012.
- Interim and final reports will be required.
- Payments for services of La Crosse School District employees are prohibited.

Criteria

Applications will be reviewed on a competitive basis by the Grants Committee of the La Crosse Public Education Foundation. Priority is given for Classroom Innovation Grants that:

- meet multiple educational objectives
- align with district/school/curricular goals
- impact a variety of students and/or schools
- are collaborative
- are sustainable

Please see the Classroom Innovation Grant evaluation rubric for the grant proposal evaluation criteria. Although most applications are worthy of awarding, the committee has limited funding and must set priorities that help the foundation fulfill its mission.

Instructions

- € Complete the following grant application.
- € Save as a Word document. Name the document the same name as your grant proposal.
- € Print page 1 of the application. Sign and obtain other necessary signatures. Submit a paper copy of page 1 to the La Crosse Public Education Foundation at Hogan via inter-school mail or by mail to P.O. Box 1811, La Crosse, WI 54602-1811.
- € Submit the entire application electronically to lpef@centurytel.net.
- € Both the paper copy and electronic copy must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 22, 2010.

If you have questions, please contact Geva Thole at 608-397-0176.



**La Crosse Public Education Foundation
Classroom Innovation Grant Application**

Section 1: Personal Information:

Name : **Adam Smith**

School: **Lincoln Middle School**

Position/Title: **7th Grade Teachers**

School Phone: **609-789-7780**

Section 2: Basic Project Information:

Project Title: **Outdoor Educational Experience**

Total Request \$9,980.00

Signature of Applicant _____

Signature of Principal _____

Signature of IT Department Rep (if applicable) _____

The intention of the Foundation is to fund projects not covered by the regular school budget. Please document that regular avenues of funding have been exhausted. (i.e. requests to Principal and curriculum supervisors)

Section 3: Project Description:

I. By May 2012, students will have participated in five Outdoor Educational Experiences,
(date) (something will happen - activity)

resulting in deeper understanding of curricular concepts.
(objective)

II.

Objectives of Project	List the corresponding district/school/curriculum goals (if applicable)	State how you will evaluate whether objectives are met.
Real life approach to student learning.	Discover Talents Students will develop critical thinking skills through real-life learning applications.	Observation during work time Classroom follow-up assessments
Foster personal, emotional,	Provide positive adult-student	Observe student behaviors

and physical growth of middle school students.	relationships Increase community involvement Increase parental involvement	throughout camp Students share favorite experiences and compare to pre-campout attitudes
Participation in community services projects.	Contribute to local community Students will develop critical thinking skills through real-life learning applications.	Completion of service project
Students develop an appreciation of the outdoors.	Increase community involvement	Listen and observe student attitudes pre and post camp

III.

Activities to Accomplish Objectives	Who Will Be Responsible for Implementation	Resources Needed (not financial)	Timeframe to Accomplish
Water Monitoring	Teaching Staff	Water monitoring kits	1.5 hour rotation
Photography	Teaching Staff	Cameras and computers	1.5 hour rotation
Bird-Banding	United States Geological Survey	Banding Kits	2 hours
Canoeing	Teaching Staff	Canoes, paddles	5 hours
Archery	Teaching Staff	Bows and arrows	5 hours
Survival Hike	Teaching Staff	Survival kits	5 hours
Winter Survival	Teaching Staff	Survival kits	4 hours
Yoga	Teaching Staff		5 hours
Wolf Hollowing	Teaching Staff		2 hours
Picnic Table Building	Teaching Staff	Lumber, bolts, saws	1.5 hour rotation
Campfire	Teaching Staff	Firewood	3 hours
Service Projects	Teaching Staff	Loppers, gloves, chainsaw, axe	2 hours

Night Hike	Teaching Staff	Night hike kit	1 hour
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IV. What is the lifespan of this project? **This project will continue each school year as long as funding and transportation is available to provide this opportunity. We have one Outdoor Educational Experience in the fall, one in the winter, and one in the spring. In addition the ELL Science Adventures summer school program will also participate in this experience. Each experience will provide a different and unique learning experience.**

V. Approximately how many students will be affected by this project? Explain your number. **Approximately 60 students per year, with each student attending the experience three times in a year. During the summer program an additional 40 students will participate. Within the grant deadline timeframe, around 220 different students will have participated. With three unique experiences this is like reaching 540 students.**

VI. Please state how you will collaborate with...
 Other organizations in the community (if applicable)
The United States Geological Survey will send a team up to Camp Salem to teach about and administer the bird banding. Results are then take back and recored.

Water monitoring results will directly benefit the students of the School District of La Crosse and the people of Wisconsin. The results will be sent forward and recorded by the Department of Natural Resources, Friends of the Black River, Robinson Creek Preservation Association, and the University of Wisconsin Extension.

The Badger State Sportsman Club will donate the use of archery equipment.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the University of Wisconsin Extension, and the Beaver Creek Reserve, through the Wisconsin Nature Mapping Program, will continue to partner.

Other schools in the district (if applicable) **All equipment and guides will be shared among all of the middle schools within the district.**

Other departments/classrooms (if applicable) **Any department or classroom will be able to use the equipment with checkout through the science department housed at Lincoln Middle School.**

VII. What will happen to the project at the conclusion of the grant? If it is to continue, how will it be sustained?

At the conclusion of the grant we will maintain our Outdoor Educational Experiences through funding provided by the families of the Community Connections Pod as well as donations made by community partnership organizations. The summer school programing will continue through the summer school office. All equipment will continue to be utilized by the district and housed at Lincoln Middle School through the science department for use by any staff.

VIII. How could the project be shared with other teachers and schools to benefit more students?

The lesson plans and group activities can be shared with all teachers throughout the district and are able to be conducted at any outdoor location. All materials will also be available for use by any teacher or school within the district.

Section 4: Budget Information:

Item	Supplier	Budgeted Amount
Transportation	First Student	\$3,600.00
Facility Fees	Camp Salem	\$1,300.00
Lumber	Menards	\$1,000.00
Night Hike Kits	Gander Mountain	\$480.00
Survival Kits	Gander Mountain	\$120.00
Loppers	Sears	\$400.00
Replacement Chemicals for Water Monitoring Kits	Wards	\$200.00
Field Guides	Barnes and Nobel	\$800.00
D-Nets	Wards	\$480.00
Hip Boots	Wards	\$1,400.00
Tubs for Kits	Menards	\$100.00
Bow Saws	Menards	\$100.00

Total request: **\$9,980.00**

Other sources of funding for this project (if applicable): **Donations from Community Connection parents and community partnerships.**

Total budget to accomplish project: **\$11,000**

Section 5: Summary:

How will this project bring visibility to LPEF in the community?

The LPEF would be featured in the Community Connections school brochure. Parents of the community would be informed of the LPEF funding, and the visibility of LPEF's efforts would be recognized city wide. A sign will be created and posted at the entrance of Camp Salem on behalf of the LPEF explaining how all School District of La Crosse Outdoor Educational Experiences at Camp Salem are made possible because of the LPEF.

Please provide a one paragraph summary of your project including an explanation of why we should fund your project.

The Outdoor Educational Experience provides students the opportunities to learn in a natural setting and provides a framework for appreciating the outdoors. The experience provides hands on, real life applications of curriculum goals in the areas of mathematics, science, language arts, social studies, art, physical education, and health. Students demonstrate conceptual knowledge by doing and showing personal, emotional, and physical growth throughout the camp and the school year. This project should be funded by the LPEF as it provides an opportunity for many students who may otherwise never have the chance to explore, appreciate, and integrate the outdoors into their learning. Students will benefit both academically and socially from the funding of the Outdoor Educational Experience.