



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: Tami Hillestad and Jessica Hembd

School: North Woods International Elementary School

Position/Title: Grade 3 Teacher; Grade 4 Teacher

School Phone: 789-7000

Section 2: Basic Project Information:

Project Title: MimioMasterpiece

Total Request \$4,277.88

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)

*There is currently neither building nor District funds to purchase any technology above and beyond what is needed for day to day classroom operation. We spoke with Mrs. Brauer, our principal, and Mrs. Lyons at Hogan Administrative Center to corroborate this fact.

Section 3: Project Description:

By June 2011, MimioTeach systems with MimioView Document cameras will be installed in the classrooms of the grades 2-4 Spanish immersion faculty at North Woods International. After installation and prior to May 2012, the teachers will develop, implement and catalog lessons using the technology to enable students to acquire the language in innovative, interactive ways.

II.

Objectives of Project	List the corresponding district/school/curriculum goals (if applicable)	State how you will evaluate whether objectives are met.
Purchase MimioTeach and MimioView Document cameras from Taylor Educational Solutions.	“With a strong academic curriculum, instruction in Spanish and innovative uses of technology, our students will be well prepared for the world.” From North Woods Vision	Supply receipts and packing slips. Add to portfolio.
Install MimioTeach and MimioView Document cameras in grades 2, 3, and 4 Spanish Immersion classrooms.	Same as above	Take photos of installation procedures and installed equipment. Add to portfolio.
Develop and implement weekly lessons using the technology to help students acquire the language and learn in innovative ways.	“Promote futuristic learning trends and techniques.” From School District of La Crosse BOE Strategic Plan	1. Take photos of students and staff using the technology. 2. Collect samples of lessons. 3. Ask students to reflect on the benefits of using technology. Add to portfolio.
Catalog lessons developed using both technologies to be used in future years.	Same as above	Add to portfolio.

III.

Activities to Accomplish Objectives	Who Will Be Responsible for Implementation	Resources Needed (not financial)	Timeframe to Accomplish
Purchase MimioTeach and MimioView Document cameras from Taylor Educational Solutions.	Jessica Hembd Tami Hillestad	None	Equipment will be ordered by March 2011.

Install MimioTeach and MimioView Document cameras in grades 2, 3, and 4 Spanish Immersion classrooms.	Linda Watson, LMC director Spanish Immersion Teachers Do It Staff	None	Equipment will be installed by June 2011
Develop and implement weekly lessons using the technology to help students acquire the language and learn in innovative ways.	Spanish Immersion Teachers: Stephany Beckstrom Tami Hillestad Jessica Hembd	None	Lessons will begin being implemented in September 2011.
Catalog lessons developed using both technologies to be used in future years.	Spanish Immersion Teachers: Stephany Beckstrom Tami Hillestad Jessica Hembd	None	There will be a portfolio kept for each grade level which will be completed by May 2012

IV. What is the lifespan of this project?

We see the lifespan of the project as very long term. As long as we have the equipment, we should be able to improve upon our work year after year.

V. Approximately how many students will be affected by this project? Explain your number.

We believe the number of students who may be affected by this project to be well into the hundreds. Since the equipment is portable, any classroom in our school could use it. In addition, the equipment will last for a number of years enabling us to use it with many students.

VI. Please state how you will collaborate with...

Other organizations in the community (if applicable)

Other schools in the district (if applicable)

We'd be happy to collaborate with other schools in the district that are using the same or similar technology. We'd also be open to doing a presentation at a district in-service or perhaps offering a gold brochure staff development class on utilizing the technology when we have had time to utilize the equipment.

Other departments/classrooms (if applicable)

It is possible that we could collaborate with other classrooms at North Woods who are part of the Spanish Immersion strand or part of the Spanish Exploration strand.

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

Since the grant monies pay for the equipment, the only thing needed to sustain the project is teacher ingenuity. We hope to save money by purchasing fewer copies of books, but at the same time offer students a wider variety of materials from which to learn, i.e. cultural artifacts, photos from pen pals, live demonstrations of cooking, science experiments, etc. We also look forward to making the student learning as interactive as possible.

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

The equipment is portable, so we could use it throughout the district. We are willing to teach others what we have learned. We may offer a staff development course for our colleagues to collaborate on best practice strategies.

Section 4: Budget Information:

Item	Supplier	Budgeted Amount
MimioTeach Interactive Bar (3)	Taylor Educational Solutions	\$2,397.00
MimioView Document Camera (3)	Taylor Educational Solutions	\$1,797.00
Shipping	Taylor Educational Solutions	\$83.88
		\$4,277.88 TOTAL

Total request: \$4,277.88

Other sources of funding for this project (if applicable):

None

Total budget to accomplish project: \$4,277.88

Section 5: Summary:

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

We will put a sticker or hangtag on each piece of equipment noting the purchase with LPEF funds. In addition, we will cite the use of LPEF funds to purchase technology on our Spanish Immersion webpage. When we link special projects and photos on our webpage, we will tag LPEF as monetary providers.

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

Today's students are citizens in a digital world. Research says that students need teaching techniques which use innovative technology to meet their learning needs. The intention of this project is to use interactive technology to help students become fluent in a second language and learn the content in math, social studies, and science as it is taught in Spanish. North Woods International is the only elementary international school in the state of Wisconsin. With the implementation of our Spanish Immersion program next fall, we will be joining a select few schools with immersion programs in the state. If we want our students, the students of La Crosse, Wisconsin to be our leaders in the future, we must invest in the best education we can give them today.