

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATION { } ACTION { X } CLOSED MEETING { }

SUBJECT: SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - ACTION

2018-2019 Teacher Mini-Grants

BACKGROUND: During the January 24, 2018 budget work session, a recommendation was made to consider the addition of funds to establish grants for division teachers. The 2018-2019 adopted division budget includes \$500 per school (BCHS, MERTZ, MES and VES) for teacher mini-grants.

While mini-grants can open new avenues to fund for individual teachers, grant applications should focus on the following criteria:

- Highlight innovative and educational nature of the proposed activity or project;
- Illustrate the benefit to students; and
- Set realistic goals and a reasonable budget.

A draft grant application is attached.

RECOMMENDATION: Offer revisions to proposed grant application or approve as presented.

**Bath County Public Schools
2018-2019 Teacher Mini-Grant Application Information**

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Funding for the teacher mini-grant program was identified in the 2018-2019 division budget by the School Board. Up to \$500 per school (BCHS, Mertz, MES, and VES) will be awarded.

The following criteria will be followed:

The applicant must be a teacher or group of teachers employed by the division.

Priority will be given to projects with a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Ar Arts, or Math) or Writing focus. Projects that emphasize project-based learning, performance-based assessment, the 5 C's and hands-on learning are encouraged.

The successful applicant will provide a summary of the success of the project at the end of the school year.

The deadline for applications is September 14, 2018. Applications should be submitted to Sue Hirsh, division superintendent.

Consider the following before starting your application:

All applications must be signed by the applying teacher and his/her school principal.

Project funds must be spent by the end of the school year with final payment request by May 15.

A final expense report and project summary describing how the project helped students must be submitted to Sue Hirsh to be forwarded to the School Board.

Bath County Public Schools reserves the right to publicize all grant programs.

Funds cannot be used for personal honorariums.

A teacher may submit only one proposal, however, a teacher may be a co-applicant for a proposal submitted by a larger group of teachers.

A blind review of grant proposals will be conducted by the School Board or a committee selected by the Board.

Items purchased with grant funds become the property of the division. Applicants are encouraged to purchase from local businesses, if possible.

Scoring Rubric:

Number of Students Impacted	10 Points
Innovation	40 Points
Potential Impact on Students	25 Points
Project Lasting Impact	25 Points

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