

Teacher Grant Guidelines

Application deadline is September 30



Purpose of Grants: To fund projects that make creative use of common teaching aids, approach curriculum from an imaginative angle, or tie nontraditional concepts together for the purpose of illustrating commonalities. Innovation and merit account for 40% of the evaluation.

Eligibility: All certified preK-12 teachers in Indiana who work in school districts in the following counties are eligible for funding: Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Hamilton, Howard, Huntington, Kosciusko, Madison, Miami, Tipton, Wabash or Wells County.

Please do not apply if you do not work in one of the schools or school districts listed above. ViaCU currently does not fund home school projects.

Grant Amounts: \$100 to \$500. We want to be the sole funding agent for your project. In exceptional cases, a grant may be awarded in conjunction with funding from another source. If you are receiving additional funds for this project, please indicate it in the budget section of the application.

Grant Stipulations: The project should be your original creation (or your teaching teams) and should be conducted within the current academic year.

ViaCU WILL CONSIDER FUNDING: supplies or materials for students to do such things as create a product, conduct an experiment, grow or tend living things, learn a new skill; written materials or software to be used in the activities of the project. The project should engage students in hands-on activities that lead to new knowledge, awareness, or self-discovery. The concepts addressed in your project should be curriculum based, and the materials necessary to conduct the project should be widely available.

ViaCU WILL NOT CONSIDER FUNDING: pre-packaged lesson plans; classroom or library book collections; field trips, if they are the sole activity of the project; substantial equipment, such as office machines, computers, and camcorders; admission fees; bus rental/driver fees; speaker stipends or compensation to a teacher, teacher's aid, or substitute teacher.

ViaCU will notify winners by December 1. Please do not call to check on grant status. Unfortunately, ViaCU is unable to provide individual critiques of applications not funded.