LIFT Grant Application

AEA Learning Improvement through Faculty Teams (LIFT) Grants are for the purpose of enhancing student learning through the collaboration of faculty, who may include support personnel.

GUIDING CONCEPTS:
Each project must be initiated, implemented and directed by teams of at least two members. Grants may be awarded for a broad range of projects that are designed to expand and improve student learning. Technical and referral assistance will be available from AEA to grantees. Grants are available to AEA members only, with funds channeled through and administered by the local association. Grants may not be administered by a school district.

PROPOSAL FUNDING:
Up to $3,000 will be awarded. A grant may be used over a period not to exceed 18 months. A description of costs is to be included in each grant proposal as well as a projected timeline and completion date.

A grant may not be used for capital equipment purchases (e.g. computers).

Grant funds will be distributed in three phases. The first payment (50% of the grant) will be distributed when the grantee is announced; the second payment (the balance less $250) will be distributed upon AEA’s receipt and approval of an interim report; and the remainder of the total grant will be awarded upon receipt and approval by AEA of the project’s final report.

SELECTION PROCEDURES:
Each proposal will be reviewed and rated by an AEA committee. Final decisions will be made by the AEA Board of Directors, and the grantee will be announced at the annual AEA Foundation’s Salute to Excellence ceremony.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS:
Ava Bemer and Elizabeth Breck, Tucson Education Association
Environmental Sustainability Project

The goal of their project is to engage students in Math, Science, and Engineering activities to have the basis to further pursue these disciplines in higher education.

Their habitat is a used and useful area with a small greenhouse, animal area, many raised beds, young citrus and mature native trees, as well as other small garden areas. Next year, the habitat area is intended to be utilized by the Organic Gardening Club, Science Olympiad Environmental Sustainability Class, MESA Science Club, Science Engineering Class, and other clubs and classes.

Their project will focus on utilization and development of the habitat in grades 6-8. The students will have hands-on ecology experiences in the classroom and in the garden. All projects will focus on sustainability, as related to unique club goals and class curriculum.
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Part 1. Demographic Information

Project Contact Person ___________________________________
Address _______________________________________________
City __________________________ ST ______ ZIP ___________
School Telephone (_____) ________________________________
Home Telephone (_____) _________________________________
Work E-mail ___________________________________________
Local Association ________________________________________
School(s) Involved in Project ______________________________
# of Association Members Participating in Project _____________
(Attach names, position titles and addresses on separate sheet)
Projected Ending Date of Project ___________________________

Local Association President

Signature of Local Association President

We are collaborating (check all that apply):
___ within one school
___ within one grade level
___ within a subject/discipline
___ between schools
___ between grade levels
___ between subjects/disciplines

This project is designed for:
___ Elementary  ____ Middle/Junior
___ Senior High  ____ Other (please describe)

Grade(s) or academic level(s) for which the project is designed: __________________________

Subject area(s) or discipline(s) for which the project is designed: __________________________

Projected Total Cost of Project: _____________________

Part II. Project Proposal

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper (maximum three sheets).

Title of Project  __________________________________________________________________________________________

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15 Points  2. What do you hope to accomplish through this project? What are the major outcomes you expect?
   Who will benefit by the project?

15 Points  3. How will you work together as a team on this project?

15 Points  4. What is your work plan for carrying out this project and its cost?
   A. What is your timeline for planning, implementing, and evaluating the project?
   B. What is your budget? (item & its purpose/cost)
      Example: 100 hours of secretarial assistance to prepare communiques, retrieve and
      copy reference materials, produce reports.

15 Points  5. How will you know if your objectives have been met? How will you evaluate the effect of the project?

10 Points  6. How will you share the results of your work and with whom? (Your team will be required to develop
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DEADLINE: MARCH 1