

WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE FOUNDATION INNOVATIVE EDUCATOR GRANT

Wisconsin Public Service is an energy company that provides electricity and natural gas to over 400,000 customers in Northeast Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Our company recognizes that educators of today are too often faced with the struggle of having to do more with less. In response to this increasing demand, we are supporting our educators with the Innovative Educator Grant.

Qualifications

- Middle school, junior high or high school educators or teams of educators.
- Schools receiving electric or natural gas service from WPS.
- Projects in the areas of science, technology, engineering or math (STEM).

Grant Guidelines

Projects with academic focus and goals to improve student achievement will be considered. Highly regarded projects will incorporate matching funds, community resources and interdisciplinary or team-teaching projects, including those involving collaboration with teachers from other classrooms or schools in the district. Favorable projects would be sustainable in future years and have the financial support of the district or another source. Higher consideration will be given to quality projects that benefit many students, possibly an entire school.

Grants may be used to purchase equipment or curriculum materials, but should be part of a well-planned and integrated project or activity. Grants may be awarded for field trips only if the field trip is a supplemental learning tool to classroom curriculum. Award funds must be used on a new effort or an existing effort, if the award is to enhance the existing effort. The school administrator must sign the project request. Projects previously funded through an Innovative Educator Grant are eligible, however greater consideration will be given to new proposals.

Maximum grant amount awarded will be \$1,000 per project per academic year. Dollars must be spent by June 30, 2012. A brief evaluation of the project is requested upon completion.

Application Deadline

Requests for funding will be reviewed on an annual basis. The deadline for proposals is November 1, 2011, and notification will be mailed approximately 6 weeks later. Applications are available online at www.wisconsinpublicservice.com and select *Helping the Community*.

Examples Of What Would Be Considered For Funding: Robotics program, engineering mentoring program, workshop for science teachers, props for energy lessons, history of energy workshop, marketing energy project, stream monitoring equipment or an ecology project at the school forest.

Examples Of What Would Not Be Considered For Funding: Travel for competition, field trips not supplemented by classroom curriculum, text books, capital projects, real estate, endowments, software, entry fees, audio/visual equipment, T-shirts or other promotional items, stipends or meals. Funds may not be used for participation in the WPS Solar Olympics event.



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(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

School Name _____

School District _____

Educator Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Dollar Amount Requested _____

Has this project received funding from the Innovative Educator Grant in previous years? Yes No

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

I, _____ (principal or superintendent) approve this proposal and authorize the activity to be carried out as proposed.

Provide a narrative (maximum 4 double-space typed pages) that includes the following information:

- Executive Summary of project (maximum of 100 words)
- How does the project relate to studies in science, technology, engineering or math? (20 points)
- What are the project goals, expected impact and specific, measurable objectives? (30 points)
- What grade levels and number of students will be impacted by the project this year? In future years? (25 points)
- Who will execute the project? (10 points)
- Provide an itemized project budget (to the nearest dollar) and list other financial partners and the timeline for funds to be dispersed. (15 points)

Remit this page and narrative by November 1, 2011 to: (Retain a copy for your records)

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