

2009 Central District Innovative Grant Program

The Central District Innovative Grant Program is funded by the annual District one-time salary savings earned each year. On an annual basis, the amount of funds available will vary. Depending on the number of grant applications and money available, applicants may be contacted to see if they will accept a lesser amount than requested. Grants to be used for programs may be utilized up to a two year time period.

The purpose of this grant program is to provide one-time dollars for an identified special need in

- ❖ ***New programs, program development, or enhancing an existing program***
- ❖ ***Professional Development, not intended for individual professional development opportunities***
- ❖ ***Internships that support new programs or innovative program development***

The District Resource Management (DRM) Team will be determining the program, professional development and internship awards. Special consideration will be given to those program proposals that:

- ❖ ***Show collaborative efforts***
- ❖ ***Meet emerging needs***
- ❖ ***Demonstrate potential for replication in other counties, multi-county, or district-wide efforts***
- ❖ ***Expand outreach and access to underserved audiences***
- ❖ ***Diversify our workforce***

Professional development proposals to receive special consideration will:

- ❖ ***Meet emerging needs***
- ❖ ***Show feasibility of long term program sustainability***
- ❖ ***Meet a core competency or other needed skill***
- ❖ ***Show how the professional development will impact local programming***
- ❖ ***Expand outreach and access to underserved audiences***

All grant award recipients will be required to report back to the Central District with a presentation at an All Faculty and Staff District Meeting within six months of the completion of the program/project. If the project is a two year initiative, a progress report will be expected at the All Faculty and Staff District Meeting in the year following the awarding of the grant. Recipients will follow standard UWEX procedures for procuring funds through the Central District Office.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Please submit:

- ❖ **One to two page narrative proposal [No longer than two pages, typed in Times New Roman 12-point font. Applications that do not follow this format will be rejected.]**
- ❖ **Separate one page detailed budget description, in addition to the two-page narrative.**

Narrative proposal to include the following:

- ❖ ***Project Title***
- ❖ ***Project Description***
- ❖ ***Project Lead and Collaborators (if the latter is applicable)***
- ❖ ***Name of person(s) applying for grant***
- ❖ ***Name of person managing budget for grant if received***
- ❖ ***Goals***
- ❖ ***Timeline***
- ❖ ***Outcomes Expected and Evaluation Methods***
- ❖ ***Signature of Approval from Department Head and Extension Committee Chair***

Deadline for application is **Friday, February 6, 2009** to the Central District Office. Announcement of the award(s) will be made after February 24, 2009. Projects are to be completed by June 30, 2010 unless a two year time frame is indicated in the proposal. Two year projects are to be completed by June 30, 2011.