Instructional Innovation
Mini Grants

What is the Mini-Grant Program?
The Mini-Grant Program is based on the belief that many successful programs begin in the classroom. Most teachers, at one time or another, have wished for financial assistance to supplement or enrich their instructional program.

Mini grants provide “seed money” for innovative instructional projects within schools. These grants provide the opportunity for teachers to obtain funding for projects in which they have a special interest. This year there is an additional interest in projects that focus on STEM and college, career and citizen-ready activities and competencies.

The project should be related to one or more of the School Board’s goals and objects and have a direct positive influence on the education of the students for whom it is designed.

Who is Eligible?
These grants are available to Newport News Public School teachers, grades PK through 12, and may be applied for by one or more teachers within a school, a grade level or department with a school, or an entire school.

How Much Money Can I Ask for? What Can Be Funded?
Mini grants may be funded in an amount up to $500. The money may be used for materials and related services, but not personnel, equipment or field trips.

How do I Apply?
Complete the application, which is available online at www.nnschools.org/overview/grants. All applications must be approved by the principal.

Submit applications to Mini Grants c/o Janet Glasofer, Kiln Creek Elementary, 1501 Kiln Creek Blvd., Newport News, VA 23602, who will convene a screening committee to act on the applications. You may also submit the application via email to mini.grants@nn.k12.va.us. Applications are due Friday, February 13, 2015 by 4 p.m.

Grant applications will be judged on a competitive basis. Applicants will be notified as to whether or not their project has been accepted for funding. Funding will be awarded at the Mini-Grants Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at Gildersleeve Middle School.

What Happens if My Project is Funded?
Recipients are to implement the project as proposed, complete a final evaluation report that includes a financial statement, participate in the Mini-Grant Fair and serve as a resource for other teachers who wish to replicate the project.

Questions?
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