

Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education
STEMM Mini-Grant Opportunity

Funding for implementation of innovative and collaborative student support, remediation, and/or college access projects is available to Appalachian Ohio school districts in the following counties: **Adams, Athens, Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Scioto and Vinton**. The funding is available from a federal appropriation grant to prepare students for educational opportunities and careers in science, technology, math and engineering.

Regionally, interest in STEMM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medical related) education and career fields is developing. These proposed mini-grants should build upon the emerging interest and the documented demand for a STEMM-skilled workforce to increase the number of STEM-literate individuals.

Competitive grants, ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000, will be awarded for proposals involving at least one high school STEMM course/program and one college partner (up to **an additional \$1,000** for the higher education/STEMM partner). Partner must be included in the proposal. It is suggested that a public school approach a higher education institution/STEMM partner with an innovative idea in mind—or funds may be used to expand an already developed partnership. **No proposal will be granted for more than a total of \$3,000.**

To submit a grant proposal, complete an application specifying project rationale, planned activities (with targeted students) and expected outcomes. Applications will be reviewed and rated by independent external evaluators.

Application Deadline: January 10, 2011 (4 pm)

Award Notification: January 17, 2011

The college transition goals:

1. Increase student and parent access to information and resources that facilitate transition to and success in college, especially in the STEMM course pathways leading to careers.
2. Increase STEMM academic readiness (preparedness) for college-level work.
3. Support student readiness and success in college through innovative approaches or “best practice” replication.

Guidelines:

- Grants must support **at least one** of the listed college transition goals
- Only one grant will be award per secondary school. Each project must include a college and/or STEMM organization partner. Two or more schools can collaborate on a project.
- Grants should be implemented between January 2011 and May 15, 2011.
- Grantees are expected to document and report outcomes to the OACHE office on or before June 15, 2011

Application Narrative

Each application is limited to five pages, not including the cover sheet or budget attachment.

Overview 10 points

Provide a **project overview and action plan**. Please include a brief history of your program/institution's history or involvement in college access and readiness.

Rationale 20 points

Describe the compelling reason why your project is needed. Focus on specific student needs, stated program goals, plans, and outcome measures. Include a profile of your targeted students (grade level, discipline, etc).

Implementation Plan 40 points

Must include detailed grant activities and processes with timeline and responsible person(s). Submit a proposed budget as an attachment. Grant funds must be used to support program expenses. ***Equipment and indirect charges are not allowed for funding.***

Expected Outcomes 30 points

Describe specific results as they reflect project goals and outcome measures, include measures to assess the project impact.

Submittal Instructions

- Applications must be no more than four pages, not including the cover page and budget. Proposals must be double-spaced in font size 12.
- The budget should be attached on its own page (school letterhead) with **signature of fiscal responsible person**. The budget must include the school's Federal Employer Identification Number.
- The cover page should include:
 - Project/proposal title (include school name and county)
 - Name of partners and institutions (specify if partner is higher education or STEMM organization)
 - Lead contact person at each institution (include telephone & email address)
 - Estimated number and grade level of students the grant will serve
 - Signature of support from the lead contact person, district administrator and your partnering STEMM institution or STEMM organization

Submit all applications electronically and or fax by 4 p.m. on January 10, 2011 to Ken Cornwell via OACHE representative: Sherry Scott sscott2@shawnee.edu
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