

MONTANA STATE READING COUNCIL

CLASSROOM TEACHER PROJECT GRANT

The Montana State Reading Council will fund Classroom Teacher Project Grants intended to assist practitioners in implementing current reading research and innovative practices existing, or to be piloted, in present programs. This provides educators with opportunities to explore new ideas and/or to examine existing practices as they relate to learning outcomes. Implementation of the proposed project will be during the 2012-2013 school year.

GUIDELINES

1. Classroom Teacher Project Grant funds could be used for (but are not limited to) in-service training, consultant fees, other instructional salaries, out-of-classroom experiences, materials, supplies, etc. All proposed budget line items must support the grant objectives.
2. Applicant must be a member of the Montana State Reading Council.
3. Application forms are included with these guidelines. Applications are available through local councils, the State Reading Conference, and the Studies and Research Committee Chairperson. **Completed applications must be returned on or before March 31, 2012.**
4. Applications will be reviewed by the Studies and Research Committee, and applicants will be notified on or before May 1, 2012.
5. Recipients of the project grant will receive the grant monies during the summer of 2012, so that the awardee can prepare for implementing the project in the fall.
6. Projects are funded for one year only and must be completed on or before June 15, 2013.
7. The Project Director will submit by June 15, 2013, a final financial report and an article relating to the research project to be published in the *Montana State Reading E-Journal*.
8. The Project Director will also present a sectional relating to the research project at the 2012 Montana State Reading Conference to be held in Great Falls, Montana.

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DUE: March 31, 2012

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2011-2012

APPLICATION FORMAT

Check One: Elementary _____ Middle _____ Secondary _____

Title of Project: _____

Funds requested for this project \$ _____
((\$1,000 Maximum))

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify all the facts, figures, and representations made in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Project Director School Home Telephone Email Address

Address City State ZIP Code

I certify that I have reviewed and support this grant proposal.

Signature of Building Principal Telephone

OUTLINE FOR GRANT PROPOSAL

1. **Proposal Summary** or Abstract: This should be a brief description of the project.
2. **Objectives:** These should be specific statements of what the project is to accomplish. What is the purpose of the project? (It is sometimes helpful to form a question that you would like to answer.) What do you hope to discover?
3. **Method:** Identify and summarize the activities that will help you achieve the stated objectives or goals. How will you find the answer(s) to your questions?
4. **Assessment:** Describe the process used to measure the success of the project. What types of information will you collect and analyze? This does not have to be a formal or standardized measurement (although it can be). Alternative ways of providing information for reflection and assessment are valued. These "devices" should relate directly to the objectives or goals of the project.
5. **Budget:** The budget portion should relate directly to the objectives and activities of the project. Each item in the budget should be accompanied by an explanation of how and why that item is needed to achieve the goals of the project.

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