

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS EDUCATION FUND GRANT COMMISSION
October 16, 2013; 6:00 pm
Human Services Center Downstairs Board Room
Agenda

1. 6:00 Call to Order
2. 6:01 Public Comment

In order to assure public awareness of and involvement in the activities of the Steamboat Springs Education Fund, this portion of the Board meeting is available to the public to discuss any item related to the Fund. The maximum time allowed for the discussion of any single subject will be three minutes. If more time is required, the topic may be placed on the agenda of a future Education Fund Board meeting to allow more time.

3. 6:05 Approval of Meeting Minutes from Grant Commission meeting of May 22, 2013
4. 6:10 EFB October 2, 2013 meeting recap
5. 6:15 Appoint Commission Chair (Mike Loomis)
6. 6:20 Grant Commission vacancies
7. 6:25 Appoint 2 (or 3) GC reps to the EFB
8. 6:35 Meeting Protocol
9. 6:45 Innovation Grant (SBS)
 - Apply for extra reserve money
 - Prepare letter to districts announcing innovation grant
10. 7:00 Applications proposed by summer work group
11. 7:15 Set Deadlines
 - Community Group Applications
 - Innovation Grant
12. 7:30 Discuss dates for district 1st & 2nd readings
13. 7:45 Set dates and time for Grant Commission meetings for the year
14. 8:00 Adjourn

To: Steamboat Springs School District, Hayden School District, South Routt School District

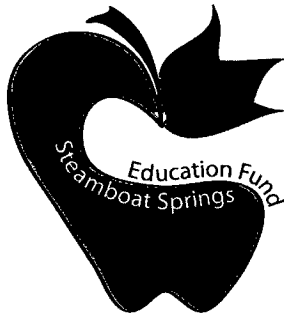
Re: Steamboat Springs Education Fund Innovation Grant Process 2013-14

The Grants Commission of the Steamboat Springs Education Fund (SSEF) is excited to announce its Innovation Grants program for 2013-14. Innovation Grants will flow through and be awarded by the Grants Commission. This year the application deadline is December 11, 2013 and the Grants Commission will review and make final award decisions at its meeting on December 18, 2013 to ensure that awards are available for use in the second semester of this school year. Last year the Grants Commission awarded a total of \$30,000 in innovation grants, and has requested a total of \$50,000 from the SSEF for the program this year. We are optimistic that the final amount available will fall within that range and will update you as final budget decisions are completed.

Innovation Grants are open to any individual, teacher, or group that serves an educational function for K-12 students in Routt County. For a recipient to be outside one of the three school districts, there must be a sponsoring school district supporting the idea. The goal of this undertaking is to engage all possible grant recipients to focus on how to teach innovation through the use of innovation. It is not intended to fund technology or strategies already in use in the schools, or to supplement ordinary district funding requests to the SSEF.

The parameters of this award are as follows:

- 1) It must pass a 'reasonableness test' that there is a direct tie to student achievement during the time period for which the grant is requested.
- 2) It is desirable that it be student and teacher sponsored. The grant proposal should be tied as directly as possible to student achievement. Note that this concept should be considered desirable vs. required, as we want this to apply to K-12, and it may be more difficult to have the younger grades have a student participant.
- 3) It is important to remember, this is about "the idea", and we recognize that students, teachers, parents and community groups, can all create innovation. It would require buy in from the School District / teacher impacted if presented from outside the school districts.
- 4) The general guidelines for evaluation will include but not be limited to:
 - a. Innovativeness
 - b. Number of students involved
 - c. Probability of success
- 5) It will be a competitive process where we hope to hear many ideas and fund the best.
 - a. The intent is to fund one or more highly innovative projects.
 - b. In the event that the top project does not utilize the entire grant, additional projects / ideas will be evaluated on their merits and may or may not be funded depending on both the evaluation of the idea and the amount of money remaining after a primary project is funded.
- 6) Procedures: Grant applications are to be made online with the EFB Innovation Grant Application available on the EFB Website, <http://www.steamboateducationfund.org/> .



Steamboat Springs Education Fund
Innovation Grant Application

Innovation Grant Deadline 12/11/13 -- Awards Announced 12/18/13

Please submit application, supplemental materials and questions to educationfundboard@gmail.com by the applicable deadlines specified above. Applicants will be notified via email of all relevant meetings of the Grant Commission.

Grant Name:

Total Funds Requested:

District Name:

School Name:

Contact Name:

Mailing Address:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

I. Need:

Explain what documented gap(s) in academic achievement or deficiency in current educational programming, services, equipment or facilities will be addressed with the requested SSEF grant funds.

II. Grant Use Details:

The purpose of these grant funds is to encourage innovation and critical thinking by teachers and students. Grant monies should be used for implementation of innovative techniques, ideas, technology, tools or processes by students and/or teachers, rather than tried and true solutions, to solve a problem. Detail the specifics of the implementation plan, including how receipt of SSEF grant funds will be used in an innovative way to address the need detailed above.

III. Measurable Goals:

A. *How will the impacts of this grant be measured to determine its effectiveness?*

B. *What specific result will constitute success?*

IV. Target Population:

A. *Give the number of students to be impacted.*

B. *Define any special populations to be targeted.*

V. Budget:

List, as specifically and completely as possible, what will be purchased with SSEF grant funds and the amount to be spent on each line item. Please estimate the lifespan of each item, including any warranties expected, if applicable. Please note which items will be implemented directly with students, in or out of the classroom, and which will serve a support or administrative function.

| Line Item | Cost | Lifespan | Warranty | Primary Users |
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VI. Additional Information:

A. *If this project proves successful, how could it evolve in future years?*

B. *Please give any other relevant details not included above.*