

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 *community, college and career ready* activities and competencies.

The project should be related to Newport News Public Schools' mission of cultivating and empowering every student's potential through high-quality, rigorous instruction, personalized support, and strong relationships.

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 within 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 or field trips. Equipment is not typically funded, but will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

How do I Apply?

Complete the application, which is available online at www.nnschools.org/overview/grants.html. All applications must be approved by the principal.

Submit applications via email to NNPS Teacher Mini Grants at myra.legg@nn.k12.va.us. Applications are due **by Tuesday, March 31, 2026 by 4 pm**. *No applications will be accepted after the deadline.*

Grant applications will be judged in a blind evaluation process. Applicants will be notified as to whether or not their project has been accepted for funding. Funding will be awarded at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year. Mini-Grants Awards recognition event will be announced later, but should take place prior to the end of the 2025-26 school year.

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 a Mini-Grant Fair and serve as a resource for other teachers who wish to replicate the project.

Questions?

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