

2017-18 APPLICATION

GARY D. BIXHORN EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

Introduction/Background:

Eastern Suffolk BOCES staff work with students with highly-specialized needs or students that learn highly-specialized skills. Staff that are involved in the day-to-day interactions with students, teachers working with principals, are often best positioned to design and implement innovative practices that promote learning and student success.

Since teaching in BOCES presents unique challenges to our teachers, creativity in meeting challenges is unmatched. Sometimes additional resources will enable teachers to meet these challenges in innovative ways that result in improved instruction. The grants available through this program will allow staff to pursue such innovations.

Eligibility/Collaboration:

New York State certified teachers who work in the Educational Services Division for Eastern Suffolk BOCES may apply. Applicants may apply by themselves, in pairs or teams.

Alignment: The project must align with the Agency Strategic Plan and the Framework for 21st Century Learning.

Outcome: The project must include an assessment of measurable goals and objectives that will promote educational innovation and will be used directly with students to assess or document student learning. In accordance with Agency Policy #4270 and #4470, all materials purchased with these grant funds will become the property of Eastern Suffolk BOCES.

Criteria for the Educational Innovation Mini-Grant Program Awards will:

- Support the introduction of innovative instructional practices that result in improved student outcomes; AND
- Support the innovative use of technology in the classroom; OR
- Promote cooperation with other educational institutions, government agencies, or community organizations; OR
- Replicate a proven innovative program that has been successfully introduced in another educational setting; OR
- Support the introduction of an innovative teaching practice created by the applicant.

Directions: The application consists of 2 parts; the Educational Innovation Application and the Budget Worksheet. Both parts should be completed and submitted online no later than **December 29, 2017**. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Following a review of all applications, committee decisions will be made and successful applicants will be notified by February 2, 2018.

Application:

The mini-grant applicant should:

- ✓ Include measurable goals and objectives
- ✓ Align with the Agency Strategic Plan and with the Framework for 21st Century Learning
- ✓ Include evaluative methodology
- ✓ Include an implementation schedule
- ✓ Include a detailed Budget Worksheet as outlined below
- ✓ Utilize the online application form

Budget Worksheet:

Most items are self-explanatory. Please note budget items for which funding is excluded. Also, please include full information on books, software, videos and tapes or CDs: title, author, ISBN, etc.

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Alignment with Strategic Planning Initiatives:

(You may check all that apply, however, you must check at least one)

Improving the Educational Outcomes of Eastern Suffolk BOCES Students

Implementation of Curriculum and Assessment

Improving Student Transition Planning and Practices

Student Data Analysis and Program Effectiveness Measures

Improving Cultural Competence for Agency Staff and Students

Improving Participation in Service Learning and Co-Curricular Activities

Applications must be submitted no later than **December 29, 2017.**

Applicant(s)	
Name(s):	
School Building:	

Project Title:	
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<p><u>Proposal Outline:</u> (Include a description of the innovation, measurable goals and objectives, implementation timeline, and evaluative methodology)</p>	



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Intended Impact:

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Framework for the 21st Century Learning:

(Describe how your Innovative Proposal addresses one or more of the Framework for the 21st Century Learning Standards – see attached for more information)

- Core Subjects and 21st Century Themes
- Learning and Innovation Skills
- Information, Media and Technology Skills
- Life and Career Skills

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BUDGET WORKSHEET

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BUDGET MAX = \$1,500.00

EXCLUDED EXPENSES: Salaries, transportation, field trips, textbooks, workbooks, supplies/equipment currently available in building budgets, commonly available instructional supplies (i.e., crayons, paper, etc.)

ALLOWED EXPENSES:	
Books: (<i>NOT workbooks or textbooks</i>)	
Title(s)/Description:	\$
Software/Digital Media:	
Title(s)/Description:	\$
Equipment: (<i>NOT currently available through school building budget</i>)	
Description:	\$
Instructional Materials/Supplies: (Not commonly nor currently provided for in building budgets)	
Description:	\$
Total Amount Requested:	\$

Submit your completed application by:

- **Interoffice mail to:**
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