

# **MEEKER COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC TRUST K-12 GRANT GUIDELINES**

## **SUMMARY**

Each August the Meeker Cooperative Electric Trust Board will make available a maximum of \$5,000 to K-12 classroom teachers for innovative, collaborative projects within and beyond the classroom. Applications must be received by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

The project must include more than one teacher, along with possibly including parents and/or local businesses. The grant dollars will be distributed based on the merit/feasibility of applications received.

This grant is to be used to fund interdisciplinary education. Some ideas for the funds include, but are not limited to, speakers, festivals, interdisciplinary projects, multi-grade level projects, incentive programs, and school-wide events. In addition, we encourage, innovative ideas, not activities that have already been established.

## **FUNDING RESTRICTIONS (as identified in the general Trust Guidelines)**

Contributions shall generally not be made for:

1. The purchase of permanent classroom equipment or furniture.
2. Funding field trips.
3. Lobbying or to political organizations.
4. Religious purposes.
5. Veteran, fraternal, and labor organizations.
6. Fundraising dinners, raffles, and other events.
7. Individuals, except for educational scholarships, disaster relief (i.e. storm, flood, tornado) and catastrophic injury or illness.
8. Capital fund and/or endowment fund campaigns.
9. National and state organizations or fund drives.
10. Advertising.
11. Feasibility Studies.
12. On-going operating expenses.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

### **Awarding the funds:**

Eligible teachers are those that work in public or private schools serving students in Meeker Cooperative's service territory. Applications must have district/administrative approval to be considered.

### **Evaluation Factors:**

The following factors shall be considered in the evaluation of all grant applications:

1. Potential benefit to Co-op members, area residents and the entire community.
2. Level of community support for the program or project.
3. Fiscal and administrative capability of the K-12 school to deliver a quality service or program.
4. Results that are positive and can be evaluated.
5. Projects must be attainable within the projected timeline.

To accomplish the purposes and intent of these guidelines, it shall be the responsibility of the Trustees to evaluate the grant applications and allocate funding based on these guidelines.

### **Distributing the Funds:**

Funds will be distributed directly to the classroom teacher's school district. If the project funded does not happen, the funds must be returned to the Meeker Cooperative Electric Trust.

## **REPORTING**

Award recipients must file a progress report within 6 months of the receipt of the award dollars. No additional dollars will be granted until the report is on file.

Meeker Cooperative personnel will keep a record of the progress reports received.

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