BU Consortium: Grants Program
2017-2018 Call for Proposals

Description

The Boston University School of Education’s Consortium Council is pleased to share its annual Grants Program Call for Proposals. The primary goal of the BU Consortium is to support the professional learning of district members. The BU Consortium Grants Program provides funding for projects that support the learning and growth of educators and their students.

Grant proposals must include a learning component for educators. Educators will identify an aspect of teaching/learning that they wish to investigate, and articulate the process they will engage in to explore that aspect of their practice. Educators will then design, implement, or evaluate some aspect of instruction or school activity with the ultimate goal of supporting educator and student learning and growth. Informal collaboration with BU SED faculty is encouraged, but not required. The BU Consortium Grants Program is committed to promoting equitable, diverse, and inclusive learning environments. Possible grant projects may include:

- Designing and/or implementing curriculum materials to address an aspect of student understanding
- Investigating and/or implementing pedagogical strategies to increase student engagement and motivation
- Developing equitable learning environments
- Refining informative assessment practices
- Designing effective professional development opportunities/programs

Information about the BU Consortium and descriptions of previously funded projects can be found at http://www.bu.edu/sed/research-action/join-the-consortium/.

Funding

Selected proposals will receive funding from $500 up to $5,000 depending on the project scope and availability of funds. To support greater continuity and depth of work, successful projects may reapply to continue the project for the next academic year. The Consortium Council anticipates funding 10-12 proposals for the 2017-18 grant cycle. Grants will be awarded based on the merit of the proposal, available funding, and representation from member districts.

Eligibility

Educators from Consortium member districts are eligible to apply, and must be employed by the district during the implementation year. Should funded applicants need to withdraw, the district is responsible for ensuring that the project continues with fidelity and shall appoint a replacement Lead Contact.

The Consortium encourages applicants to collaborate with School of Education faculty in the development of proposals, and in carrying out project activities. For information on SED faculty who may be interested in collaborating with educators on projects, please go to http://www.bu.edu/sed/about-us/faculty/profiles/.
Individual educators or schools interested in applying for funding must submit a completed grant application by **March 10, 2017** for projects that will be implemented in the 2017-2018 school year. The full grant cycle timeline is as follows:

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**Criteria**

The Consortium Council will evaluate all proposals according to the following criteria:

- Potential impact on educator learning and growth.
- Potential impact on student learning and growth.
- Plan/process for completing the project.
- Plan/process for evaluating the success of the project.
- Quality, clarity, and thoroughness of application. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**

**Submission Instructions**

Completed applications must be received by the Boston University Consortium Council no later than 5pm on March 10, 2017 to be considered for funding.

- All applications must be reviewed and approved by a district administrator (ex: principal, coordinator, director, superintendent, etc.) prior to submission. Administrator contact information must be included.
- All applications must be submitted electronically to **BUConsortiumRFP@gmail.com.**
- The email subject line must read: FY18BUgrant – district name, your last name.  
  Example: FY18BUgrant-Brookline, Martin
- The district administrator must be copied on the submission email.
- Include any additional support materials (e.g., conference brochure, consultant resume, etc.) as attachments in the same email with the application.

All grant applications will be reviewed by the BU Consortium Council. Applicants and the district administrator named on the cover sheet will be notified by April 3, 2017. **Upon accepting a grant award, applicants agree to comply with all reporting and budgetary requirements.**