BU Consortium Grants Program
Call for Funding 2016-2017

Description
The Boston University School of Education’s Consortium Council is pleased to share its annual call for proposals. One of the primary goals 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 students.

The BU Consortium is interested in projects that include a learning component for educators and an implementation component. Informal collaboration with BU SED faculty for either or both components is encouraged. The learning component may include: consultation with SED faculty, observing other schools/classrooms, conferences, workshops, professional reading, etc. The implementation component should include an attempt at designing, implementing, or evaluating some aspect of instruction or school activity with the ultimate goal of supporting educator and student learning and growth.

Possible grant projects 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

Proposals must describe the need for the project and the rationale for the proposed activities.

Information about the BU Consortium can be found at bu.edu/sed/?p=3387.

Funding
Applicants may apply for funding from $500 up to $5,000 depending on the scope of the project. 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 10-15 proposals for the 2016-2017 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 continue 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 a list of SED faculty members, please go to: bu.edu/sed/about-us/faculty/profiles/.
Application Timeline
Individual educators or schools interested in applying for funding must submit a completed grant application by April 1, 2016 for projects that will be implemented in the following school year. The full grant cycle timeline is outlined below:

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Criteria
The Council will evaluate all proposals according to the following criteria:
- Potential for impact on the learning and growth of the educator and students.
- 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 5 p.m., April 1, 2016 to be considered for funding.
- All applications must be reviewed and approved by a district administrator (principal, director, superintendent, etc.) prior to submission.
- All applications must be submitted electronically to BUConsortiumRFP@gmail.com.
  - The email subject line must read: FY17BUgrant – district name, your last name.
    - Example: “FY17BUgrant – 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 are reviewed by the BU Consortium Council. Applicants and the district administrator named on the cover sheet will be notified by May 15. Upon accepting a grant award, applicants agree to comply with all reporting and budgetary requirements.