



# Great Plains Communications **GRANT PROGRAM**

Application Packet

## **Introduction**

Great Plains Communications (GPC) will receive applications for grants from school districts within its service area. GPC encourages every school to participate. These grants will be awarded during the school year.

## **Purpose**

The grant program is intended to encourage exceptional and unique ideas that will improve the educational process. The program provides resources to help add challenging new units or projects to the curriculum.

## **Grant Criteria**

Applications for grants should meet the following criteria:

1. The request should deal with professional improvement, technological support, or should supplement regular programs.
2. The request should be consistent with the district philosophy and procedures.
3. The request should have the signatures of the district superintendent and the school board president.
4. The request should be supplemental to the regular school budget after regular avenues of funding have been exhausted.
5. The request **may** have a matching funds provision attached to it.
6. The request should have a clear and concise benefit to the district.
7. The request should be curricular or instructional in nature.
8. The request should contain a plan to provide follow-up information to GPC.

A total of \$20,000 will be awarded in the spring of 2022 for use in the 2022-2023 school year. The maximum amount awarded to one school district is \$5,000. The amount of each grant will be distributed as decided by a qualified committee.

## **Application**

GPC is looking for ways to help schools add challenging units or projects to the curriculum. For example, past award recipients have used the funds to host a Fine Arts Festival, purchase hardware and software to produce a movie about the history of the community and purchase materials for a career technical lab. Requests for funds to purchase equipment without an explanation of how the equipment will enhance the curriculum will not be considered.

A preprinted form is available for assistance in applying. You may use the included form or you may provide your own. Your request must contain the following sections:

Section I Importance of the project, specific intents and benefits

Section II Explanation of personnel involved and detailed budget

Section III Timeline for completion and evaluation process

Section IV Signatures of the district superintendent and school board president

All applications must be received no later than 5:00 pm on April 1, 2022. Mail or deliver applications to:

Emily Dabney  
Great Plains Communications  
1600 Great Plains Centre  
PO Box 500  
Blair, NE 68008-0500

## **Timeline**

April 1, 2022      Application Deadline

May 1, 2022      Award Recipients Announced

## **Questions**

Questions regarding the grant program may be directed to Emily Dabney at 855-853-1483 ext. 6458.

\*This form is intended to serve as a guideline in applying for grant funds. You may type on this form or you may provide your own form in a similar format. The form can be obtained by email by contacting edabney@gpcom.com.

# **GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

## **SECTION I**

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State the importance of the project, specific intents and benefits:

# SECTION II

How will school personnel be involved?



# SECTION III

Timeline for implementing and evaluating the project:

How will your school provide Great Plains Communications with information on the completion and success of the project?

# SECTION IV

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Superintendent

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School Board President