

MINI CLASSROOM GRANTS



PAPIO
MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

GRANT INFORMATION

The Mini Classroom Environmental Grant Program sponsored by the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District was designed to promote environmental activities and projects in preschools and schools within the Papio- Missouri River NRD area. The District includes all of Sarpy, Douglas, Washington, and Dakota counties, plus the eastern half of Burt and Thurston counties in Nebraska.

These grants are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis, and have a maximum of \$150 per teacher. You're encouraged to apply now!

GRANT USES & PROJECT IDEAS

Funds can be used by teachers to promote water, soil, wildlife, forest, and grassland education. General ideas that might work into your curriculum include: environmental panoramas, binoculars, microscopes, bird feeders, planting supplies, Earth Day celebrations, life cycle kits, environmental demonstration models, activity supplies, etc. Most environmental- related requests will be approved; we'll let you know if your request is not appropriate for the scope of this grant.

GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please refer to this section while filling out the grant.

- **Name of School**
- **Complete School Address**
- **Phone Number of School**
- **School District**
- **Teacher Name and Contact Info:** List your name, title, work/cell phone number, and email address.
- **Project Description:** Include a brief summary of the project and what will be purchased with the grant funds.
- **Project Purpose and Learning Goals:** Indicate goals, number of people reached by project, and average age of student users.
- **Date of Project:** Indicate when you expect to begin and complete the project. Remember to apply at least 6 weeks before funds are needed.
- **Grant Request Amount:** No funding in excess of \$150 per fiscal year will be considered.

For more information, contact the Information/Education Department at the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District by phone at (402) 315-1713 or email at kkelley@papionrd.org.

APPLICATION PROCESS & PROCEDURES

- Review application instructions carefully.
- Complete the application form. Be sure to state the project description, purpose, objectives, supplies needed, and estimated costs. You may attach additional papers as needed.
- Application form must be completed at least 6 weeks before the funds are desired. Submit the completed application to Austen Hill, Education Programs Supervisor: ahill@papionrd.org.
- After the application is approved, a check will be made for supplies within a month. Please keep in mind it may take some time to receive your check, as they must be approved by our Board of Directors.
- While receipts will not be required, we do request a SHORT project report on how your activity went and what the students learned. This is due within one month of project completion. Please return any unused funds in excess of \$2.
- Only one application per teacher, per fiscal year (July 1- June 30) will be considered.





Submit to: Austen Hill, Education Programs Supervisor, Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, 8901 S 154th St., Omaha, NE 68138