Chiesman Educational Grant Call for Proposals

The Allene R. Chiesman Center for Democracy invites grant proposals from South Dakota K-12 and post-secondary educators for educational projects that support civic education. (Non-profit organizations designing materials or programs for K-12 schools are also eligible). Proposals are considered on a rolling basis and can be submitted at any time.

The Chiesman Fund supports civic education activities addressing the issues of democracy, democratic principles, and active civic engagement. We also support activities encouraging active and informed engagement in the democratic process or promoting civic competence and responsibility among South Dakota's residents and leaders. Proposals for grants should clearly and specifically address one or more of these purposes. Though not required for funding, we particularly encourage projects which incorporate ideas and activities from KidsVoting USA or Get Out the Vote campaigns. Expected awards will range from $500 to $2000. We hope to fund 10-15 proposals each academic year.

Proposals of 2-3 pages should include:

    a. A detailed description of the educational project,
    b. A brief explanation of its importance,
    c. An anticipated timeline for completion, and
    d. **A detailed budget** for all project expenses and other sources of funding (template is included below). Your budget does not count against your proposal page limit.

Funded projects will also be expected to conduct an evaluation of the project. Ideas for this may be included in the proposal but the Chiesman Center is also able to help grant recipients in designing appropriate evaluations. Recipients will be required to submit a brief project report upon project completion.

Proposals and and any questions about the grant or proposal process can be submitted to Shane.Nordyke@usd.edu. **Please include Chiesman Educational Grant in the subject line.**

Chiesman Educational Grant Budget Template
(Add rows as needed)

Description of item Provide a brief description of the budget item. This could be fees or participation, stipends or honorariums for speakers, judges, or participants, materials needed for the activity, food, etc.	Justification Briefly describe why this item is important for your project.	Cost per item This should be the cost per individual unit (speaker, meal, participant, etc.).	Total cost for item This should be the total cost for this item for all participants
		$	$
		$	$
		$	$
		$	$
		Total costs	$
		Anticipated funding from other sources	$