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CHIESMAN CENTER FOR DEMOCRACY

**Chiesman Civic Engagement Grant Call for Proposals**

The Allene R. Chiesman Center for Democracy invites grant proposals from South Dakota non-profit organizations supporting civic engagement, voter education, and voter turnout. The deadline for submission of these proposals is **October 12, 2020 by 5pm**, The Chiesman Center for Democracy will announce its decisions on the proposals on or before October 16, 2020.

The Chiesman Fund supports research and 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 citizens and leaders. Proposals for grants should clearly and specifically address one or more of these purposes. Expected awards will range from \$500 to \$2000. We hope to fund 10-15 proposals.

Proposals of 2-3 pages should include:

- a. A detailed description of the project including how it supports the purposes stated above,
- b. A brief explanation of its importance,
- c. An anticipated timeline for completion,
- 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 should be submitted to [Laura.Wiemers@usd.edu](mailto:Laura.Wiemers@usd.edu). Any questions about the grant or proposal process can be submitted to [Shane.Nordyke@usd.edu](mailto:Shane.Nordyke@usd.edu). **Please include Chiesman Civic Engagement Grants in the subject line.**



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**Chiesman Civic Engagement Budget Template**

(Add rows as needed)

<b>Description of item</b> 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.	<b>Justification</b> Briefly describe why this item is important for your project.	<b>Cost per item</b> This should be the cost per individual unit (speaker, meal, participant, etc.).	<b>Total cost for item</b> This should be the total cost for this item for all participants
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
<b>Total costs</b>			\$
<b>Anticipated funding from other sources</b>			\$