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CHIESMAN CENTER FOR DEMOCRACY

**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 in fall 2020 or spring 2021. (Non-profit organizations designing materials or programs for K-12 schools are also eligible). The deadline for submission of these proposals is **October 12, 2020 by 5 p.m.** The Chiesman Center for Democracy will announce its decisions on the proposals on or before October 16, 2020.

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.

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 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 Educational Grant in the subject line.**



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**Chiesman Educational Grant Budget Template**

(Add rows as needed)

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