

SEED Grant Program, Spring 2010



ABOUT US:

Students Encouraging Educational Development (SEED) is a committee of UNC students who have the unique opportunity to award agencies in North Carolina grants for community development with assistance from the Carolina Center for Public Service, The Sunshine Lady Foundation's Learning By Giving program, and the Community-Campus Partnership program at UNC-Chapel Hill. Our mission is to build and sustain strong communities by creating educational opportunities for those who are limited due to lack of economic and supportive resources. Our grants support local efforts to protect, expand and create programs that increase education access throughout North Carolina.

We fund projects that:

- Promote access to education for children from all different types of backgrounds: economically, socially, ethnically, etc. (such as after-school or enrichment programs)
- Teach children about health and how to maintain a balanced, healthy lifestyle.
- Address the high dropout rates in North Carolina high schools.
- Enhance the capacity of an entity's ability to provide tutoring/learning-aid programs.

SPRING 2010 GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

We invite organizations to apply for grants under a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process that strengthens the capacity of North Carolina organizations to provide education access in our identified priority areas.

Non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations with projects based in North Carolina are eligible to apply for SEED funds. The program has \$10,000 and seeks to provide a one-time grant or grants from \$1,000 to \$10,000 that will have the greatest impact in the shortest amount of time.

Projects located in Caswell and Lenoir Counties are eligible for up to \$20,000 through matching funds from the Community-Campus Partnership. Grantees that are selected from Caswell and Lenoir Counties may also receive ongoing support from faculty, students and staff of UNC-Chapel Hill during and beyond the grant period.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

- Applications are to be received by 11:59 PM on March 31, 2010 to hbhe699@gmail.com, put the agency name as the subject line of your email
- Attach your application as a .doc file and please try to put all parts of the application in one file. Please name your file by your organization name
- Applicants will be notified of our decision by mid-April
- The application is also available on our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/seed2010app/>

Your application should include the following:

Introduction

- Cover letter (1 pg. max)
- Organization background (1 pg. max)
 - Mission statement
 - Relevant past projects
 - Contact information for the grant writer and a representative of your organization
- Copy of IRS determination letter confirming your organization's 501(c) 3 status

Description

- In a narrative of no more than 1000 words, include the following:
 - Describe your project, be sure to address how this relates to our priorities in education
 - Describe the community in need and how you identified it
 - Goals and objectives of the project, including expected benefits for participants during and after the project
 - What is the projected number of individuals who would benefit from the project
 - How the project and/or its impacts are sustainable
 - Please use 12 pt. Times New Roman font with 1" margins all around
- Submit an itemized budget detailing spending for the project
 - Reminder: award ranges are between \$1,000-\$10,000
 - Projects in Lenoir/Caswell counties are eligible for \$1,000-\$20,000
 - Be sure to include information about where you expect to receive remaining support as this grant may be used to fund part of your project

Implementation

- Timeline of project
- Plan for measuring results/follow up of use of your grant money
- Names of key coordinators of project and their prospective roles