



Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District

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EDUCATIONAL MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

The Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District (District) has established a mini-grant program to support educational projects designed to expand awareness of water-related issues in the Upper Gunnison Valley. Grant requests may be up to \$300.

Anyone currently engaged in education activities within the Upper Gunnison River watershed (upstream of Blue Mesa Dam) is eligible to apply for a mini-grant. This includes school or university faculty, watershed groups, or other resource organizations with a strong water connection. Western State Colorado University students developing and teaching water curriculum as part of a class may also apply.

Mini-grant requests may include projects or programs for the development and testing of classroom curricula, after school enrichment programs, community and adult seminars, and all materials or expenses (i.e., transportation, refreshments, et cetera) necessary for each project or program. The scale and scope of the project or program should be appropriate to the size of the grant request, and may be as small in scope as a single class or event.

Each mini-grant request (\$300 maximum) may include up to \$150 as a stipend to the educator for the investment of time, experience and imagination above and beyond regular contracts. Those requesting this stipend must submit, at the end of the project or program, an acceptable lesson plan or a thorough summary of activities that would enable other water educators to replicate the project or program. This lesson plan or summary should include the creator's name, institution or organization, and contact info.

Mini-grants will be paid upon receipt by the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District of a) an account of all material costs and other expenses, including date(s) and time when the project or program was executed, and b) the lesson plan or activity summary described in the paragraph above when the educator's stipend is requested in the grant.

The educational mini-grant program is not targeting any specific discipline and we welcome projects from all subjects – science, art, social studies, literature, mathematics, etc.

The Upper Gunnison District allocated \$2,000 for mini-grants for 2016. Mini-grant applications may be submitted at any time if funds are still available. Call 970-641-6065) or email Beverly@ugrwcd.org, to check fund availability and get an application by return email. A two-week turnaround is the goal for your request.

Describe how this project relates to the goal of local water education:

Please provide a simple budget of expenses:

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Signature of representative from
educational organization:

Date: