To increase your chances for funding, please keep in mind these characteristics when developing your mini grant application:

Good mini grant projects

- Show usefulness over long periods of time
- Can be easily set up and handle frequent use
- Benefit large numbers of students
- Capture students’ interest
- Provide unique and/or higher concept learning
- Address curriculum standards
- Are appropriate for the grade level

In addition, information on the application should

- Be neatly organized
- Contain reference information (e.g. vendor information, etc.)
- Show a budget reflecting the dollar category (e.g. $500 category applicants should list costs that total $500)

How to apply

Pick up an application package from your school principal, media specialist or online at http://www.srs.gov/general/outreach/edoutrch/ed_home.htm

Because of security concerns, applications cannot be hand-delivered by non-SRS employees.

Completed applications should be mailed to:
- Gladys Moore, Program Coordinator
- SRNS Education Outreach Programs
- Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC
- Building 703-47A, Room 204
- Aiken, SC 29808

For more information, contact:
- gladys.moore@srs.gov

Mini Grants recipients may be photographed, filmed, videotaped, or otherwise recorded during the awards reception. SRNS may use any such images or recordings to promote educational programs and other site initiatives. Any such images or recordings may also be included in promotional materials such as brochures, booklets, videotapes, reports, press releases, websites, and exhibits. If you do not wish to be photographed or otherwise recorded, please contact Gladys Moore at gladys.moore@srs.gov prior to the awards ceremony.
The Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Innovative Mini Grants Program recognizes and celebrates innovative teaching methods by providing funds to enhance elementary and middle school science, mathematics, and technology programs in the CSRA.

Eligibility

- Public and private elementary and middle school educators who teach/work in one of the following CSRA counties: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell or Edgefield (S.C.); and Columbia or Richmond counties (Ga.) may apply.

- Guidance counselors may apply for mini grants as long as it’s demonstrated that the project will benefit elementary and middle school students in the classroom.

- Applicants do not have to be science, math or technology teachers to be eligible for a mini grant. The grant writer must demonstrate that the project will enhance those concepts in the classroom.

- Previously submitted grants will not be sent to applicants to be used as examples. This would give an unfair advantage to those not receiving copies of previously submitted grants.

- From a SRNS perspective, materials, supplies and equipment become property of the winning teacher. However, teachers should check with their schools. Some schools do take ownership of the materials.

Selection committee criteria

- Goals and objectives clearly stated and measurable
- Project directly involves students
- Evaluation component
- Budget is reasonable, appropriate, and specific

Additional criteria for Categories B and C:

- Proposal contains a Project Plan with evaluation component.
- Implementation Schedule is reasonable.
- Integrates technology with instruction.
- Promotes scientific methodology, problem solving and higher order thinking skills.
- Potential for replication.

Application process

- Proposals must be submitted on the current year’s application form.
- A team should consist of no more than four members including the lead educator.
- Do NOT include information that identifies the educator or school on pages 2-4 or attachments.
- The budget cost of the project should reflect the applied category dollar amount as closely as possible.
- Only original application with principal/school administrator’s signature will be accepted.
- Applicants may submit one proposal during submittal period.
- Proposals that received funding may not be re-submitted unless the project will be used in the upcoming school term year.
- Make sure all requested information is provided.
- Principals and participants will be notified of the results according to schedule.