

Innovative Teaching Mini Grants Program

Common Mistakes



Category B (\$750) and Category C (\$1000) Grants

- Category B and C grants are required to enhance STEM curricula. Grants that do not meet this prerequisite are ineligible for award.

Shortfalls

- When completing your Mini Grant Application, the total budget requested for your grant must not have a shortfall more than 10% of the total amount requested.
 - \$50 for Category A (\$500 Mini Grant)
 - \$75 for Category B (\$750 Mini Grant)
 - \$100 for Category C (\$1000 Mini Grant)
- Before submitting your Mini Grant Application, ensure that your total budget is equal to or greater than the amounts below.
 - Category A (\$500 Mini Grant)
 - The total budget of your grant must be at least **\$450**
 - Category B (\$750 Mini Grant)
 - The total budget of your grant must be at least **\$675**
 - Category C (\$1000 Mini Grant).
 - The total budget of your grant must be at least **\$900**
- Example: If an educator submits a Category A Mini Grant (\$500 Mini Grant) for \$300, the grant will be disqualified since the shortfall is greater than 10%. Category A grants must have at least a total budget of \$450 to be eligible.

Cost Sharing

- Mini Grants may have a total budget greater than the category amount. In this case, the educator must explain how they will obtain the additional funds in Step 5 on the Mini Grant Application.
 - For example, an educator submits a Category A - \$500 Grant. The supplies requested on the Mini Grant Application total \$550. The educator must explain on Step 5 of the application how the additional \$50 will be reasonably obtained to purchase supplies.