



Connections Beyond Sight and Sound

Field Initiated Demonstration Activities

Mini-Grant Award Program

Guidelines:

1. Proposals must focus on the following:

- A. Activities which result in creative approaches to service delivery or replicate an existing successful approach, to students with deafblindness / severe disabilities;
or
 - B. Activities which promote the transfer of successful practices, ideas, or information to other service providers through inservice or staff development.
- 2. Transdisciplinary and/or joint teacher projects are encouraged.**
- 3. Purchase of equipment or provisions of field trips are appropriate if they are components of a comprehensive educational program or research activity.**
- 4. Funds cannot be used to compensate grant applicants.**
- 5. Your awarded project activity is to be completed by May 12, 2017.**

Proposals Should Include:

- 1. Completion of Mini-Grant Award application (attached); and**
- 2. Narrative which includes:**
 - Title of proposal
 - Activity objectives and expected outcomes
 - Nature and description of proposed idea
 - Number of students/staff involved
 - Methods of evaluation
 - Budget (include personnel services, curriculum materials, miscellaneous materials, and other expenses).

Selection Process:

Selection will be made by a review committee comprised of professionals in the field of special education. *Connections* project staff do not serve as grant reviewers. Enclosed in this packet is the selection criteria which will be used by reviewers to score your application.

Responsibilities of Grant Recipients (due May 2017):

- 1. Completion of forms: Summary Report, Budget Expense Report, Record of Activities, and Program Evaluation. *Recipients will not be considered for a subsequent grant unless the final report from the previous year is completed on time.***
- 2. Attendance at our spring Advisory Committee meeting is mandatory. At least one member from your project is required to attend. This is to recognize award recipients and share activities with project staff and other invited guests. The spring Advisory Committee meeting will be held at JHU Columbia Campus / CTE in May 12, 2017.**

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Deadline to Apply is: October 31, 2016