



Local Mini-grants Available for 2005-2006 School Year

Consider submitting a proposal for a mini-grant to support teaching and professional growth at your school.

The MWP is offering a limited number of mini-grants for the improvement of teaching or the development of Teacher Inquiry at your school. To apply for one of these local mini-grants, we ask you to write a narrative describing what you hope to accomplish with your grant and how you plan to carry it out. We also ask that you provide a budget explaining how you will use your funds. Requests may not exceed \$2000. These grants are for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Every proposal must demonstrate ways in which the proposed work will advance the teaching of writing, provide professional development for teachers, and/or build capacity for teacher inquiry at your school and demonstrate that your school has the commitment, ability, and resources to carry out the work of the proposal. More information on these mini-grants will follow, but in the meantime, think about what you might propose.

Here are some possible MWP mini-grant ideas:

- Study Group – Focus on an author or issue to read and write about and discuss. Issue topics might include differentiation, standardized testing, readers' workshop. Submit grant for cost of books, supplies, stipends.
- Inquiry Group – Reflect on teaching practice and complete mini-inquiry project in your classrooms using teacher research guides.
- Classroom project – What would you do with some extra money in your classroom? What student projects might you develop?

More information will follow in a separate mailing. Applications will also be available on the Web site. In the meantime, keep on thinking. If you have any questions, please call the office at 410-704-3593.