The Faculty/Community Partner Grant Program is designed to encourage collaborative projects involving students enrolled in service-learning courses and community partners. All faculty, including Statewide Technology faculty, and Extension Educators are eligible. Proposals must address an unmet need or significantly build capacity with the community partner/agency. The grant is for two consecutive semesters and may be extended for a maximum of two additional consecutive semesters if needed to sustain the project. Courses involving multi- or interdisciplinary teams of faculty are welcomed and encouraged as are projects involving more than one community agency. Awards are open to service-learning courses for both undergraduate and graduate students.

Grants can be up to $2,500. Applications are due March 5, 2010 and will be reviewed by the Purdue Service Engagement Advisory Board (SEAB.) Grant awards will be announced by March 24, 2010.

The application consists of the following:
1. Description of the project (350 words)
2. Statement by the Community Partner that explains:
   • How this project will allow you to better serve your clients or to expand service
   • How this project might promote cross-agency collaboration
   • How the organization will sustain the initiative after the period of the grant
3. Statement by the Faculty Member(s) that explains:
   • How the project helps students reach learning goals for the course
   • How Service-Learning will be reflected in course assignments and assessment
   • How the project builds on an existing partnership, i.e., how it facilitates the expansion or improvement of the partnership.
   • If applicable, how a renewal will contribute to the sustainability of the project by the agency
4. Budget must be developed and signed by both faculty member(s) and community partner.
   • Grant funding should only be used to acquire materials and services needed to complete the project, including transportation costs.
   • Salary/wages/graduate student stipends, normal operating expenses, or durable equipment are not allowed.
   • Funds may not be used for hosting parties, receptions, etc.
5. The source and amount of additional grants sought to support the project
   • Priority given to applications that show evidence of community support, e.g., additional funding, foundation support, third party funding, e.g., United Way, dedicated fund raising campaign, corporate support, etc.
6. Applications may be submitted electronically to helgesen@purdue.edu or as hard copy sent to 730 YONG Hall % Marne Helgesen.

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