IN-MaC Micro-Grant Program: Connecting Education, Industry, and Community Initiatives focused on industry exposure and experiences

IN-MaC is launching the next round of the Industry Micro-Grant Program, awarding $200,000 to foster the growth of youth and adult manufacturing initiatives around the state of Indiana.

This program aims to provide grant funding to education (K-16), industry, and community-based organizations who implement creative ways to enhance youth industry experiences. Ranging from $1,000 - $2,000, the Micro-Grants are designed to support innovation and encourage organizations to dedicate funds towards development and program implementation that impact industry awareness.

IN-MaC has a targeted interest in:
- Projects focused on exposing youth (K-12) to manufacturing through:
  - Industry Awareness
  - Hands-On Experiences
  - Camps
  - STEM Related Experiences
- Campaigns focused on efforts to increase exposure and awareness to industry
- Innovative projects that demonstrate creativity and that can serve as a model for other organizations and communities across Indiana

We currently do not fund:
- General or ongoing organizational support (salaries)
- Campaigns for political candidates

Who can apply?
Micro-Grant funds are open to:
- Education (K-16)
- Industry
- Community partners

Deadline
Grants must be applied for in advance of the opportunity. Retroactive requests will not be accepted. Grant cycle will run from September 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020.

Apply
IN-MaC is accepting request for proposal (RFP): http://bit.ly/inmacmicrogrant

Micro-Grant funds will be distributed to organizations once applications are accepted and approved.
Reporting Requirements
Grant recipient expectations include:

- All students in grades 3-12 will be asked to submit their experience via INMakerMinded.com
- Updates regarding progress throughout the process.
- A short write up (400 words or less) explaining your project.
  - Outcome: What did your project build, improve, develop or accomplish?
- Who participated: identify volunteers, manufacturers, supporters, businesses; other groups who helped make your project a reality.
- Partnerships: Identify volunteers, manufacturers, supporters, businesses, other groups who helped make your project a reality
- Benefits to the community, including economic impact if the information is available
- Impact
- Region and county impacted
- Number of youth/adults that is impacted
- Keys to success and lessons learned through best practices

Summary of media coverage, if applicable:
- Photos from initiative
- Mention of IN-MAC in traditional media and/or social media outlets @PurdueINMaC
- Include IN-MAC name/logo on applicable print and digital materials
- Include “Project made possible by IN-MaC” on initiatives and “In partnership with”

Headquartered in West Lafayette, Indiana, IN-MaC is hosted by Purdue University and delivered in partnership with Ivy Tech Community College and Vincennes University.

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