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

IN-MaC has launched the 2020-21 Micro-Grant Program, awarding $140,000 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 and adult experiences in industry. 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:
  - Virtual Experience or Exposure to Industry Careers
  - 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

Apply
Micro-Grant funds will be distributed to organizations once applications are accepted and approved.

Deadline
Grants must be applied for in advance of the opportunity. Retroactive requests will not be accepted. Grant cycle will run from September 1, 2020– April 30, 2021.
Micro-Grant Network and Reporting Requirements
Grant recipient expectations include:

• As a micro-grant recipient, you will become part of our IN-MaC Micro-Grant Network. You will be required to attend the annual networking event (summit) and provide updates regarding progress throughout the grant process. Examples: pictures, media posts, logo usage and quotes from participants.

Report Requirements:

• A short write up (400 words or less) explaining your project.
  o 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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