2022-2023 IN-MaC Micro-Grant Program: Connecting Education, Industry, and Community Initiatives focused on industry exposure and experiences

The Purdue IN-MaC micro-grant program is proud to support grant funding to education (K-16), industry, and community-based organizations in Indiana. Ranging from $1,000 to $2,000, the micro-grant is designed to support innovation and encourage organizations to multiple efforts in developing programming that brings access to industry and education career awareness. In FY 2021-22, IN-MaC awarded over $250,000 in funding to organizations across Indiana.

The purpose of this program is to stimulate industry-education collaborations and programming while broadening access to industry career awareness. The micro-grant projects are designed and implemented by the education (K-16), industry, and community-based organizations themselves. The micro-grants may also be used to supplement a current effort.

IN-MaC has a targeted interest in:
- Projects focused on exposing youth (K-12) to manufacturing through:
  - Virtual Experience or Exposure to Industry Careers
  - STEM Equipment/Curriculum
  - 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
IN-MaC is accepting request for proposal (RFP):
https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ehAck4DWhleCzdA

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. RFP will be open for applications from August 31, 2022 through May 31, 2023.
Partnership Requirement for all Signage, Printed Materials and Social Media Posts:
• 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”

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

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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