

# CSTA/SGB Mini-Grant Project Update

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# Agenda

- Project status
- Distribution process
- Grant details
- Eligibility
- Project Timeline

# Project Status

- In May, 2013 CSTA was informed that the ACM SGB would be providing \$60,000 to support the proposed chapter mini-grant program
- In August, the CSTA Chapter Liaison and staff formed an interim committee to establish the grant criteria, create a project plan and a communications timeline, and develop an application form
- In September the interim committee completed its work and a new committee was selected to review the applications

# Mini-Grants Distribution Process

- The grants will be distributed in two rounds of application submission and review (expect smaller grants will take less time to prepare and submit while chapters will require more time to prepare applications for larger projects)
- Criteria for proposals and awards will be sent to all chapters along with the submission guidelines and timelines (these materials will also be posted in the chapter section of [csta.hq](http://csta.hq))
- Chapters will be expected to begin work as soon as awards are announced
- CSTA staff will provide oversight on project deliverables and expenses
- Award monies will be held centrally and chapters will submit expense claim forms
- Most of the funding will be reimbursement based but some chapters may require some start-up funding depending upon the project

# Types of Grants

- 1,000: **seed grants** for smaller projects that could include, for example, payments for refreshments for a series of advocacy meetings or travel costs for meetings with key policy makers, or travel coverage for special speakers to present at a chapter meeting (x18)
- \$3,000: **large project grants** that could include, for example the development, graphics costs, and printing of advocacy resources or room rental and AV costs for a large gathering (x4)
- \$5,000: **advocacy event** grant for the planning and delivery of a major regional advocacy event (x2)
- A chapter may apply for more than one type of mini-grant (seed, large project, advocacy event). A separate application must be completed for each grant type

# Use of Funds

- Funds must be used for direct programming needs. Allowable uses of funds include:
  - Essential project/activity supplies
  - Disability accommodations
  - Transportation for participants/presenters
  - Food for events/meetings
  - Stipends
- Funds cannot be used for:
  - Alcoholic beverages
  - Indirect charges/administrative overhead
  - Capital expenditures
  - Gifts/giveaways for participants
  - Computer hardware

# Eligibility and Applications

- To apply for a mini-grant:
  - A chapter must be in good-standing: all required reports and communication have been completed in a timely manner.
  - Content within the mini-grant project must be focused on advocacy for K-12 CS Education.
- All proposals will be submitted via an online application (the application is already in place)
- Applications must include all of the following components
  - Application information
  - Project information
  - Population served
  - Detailed budget
  - Marketing and or distribution plan if applicable
  - Project evaluation plan

## Currently Eligible Chapters

- Alabama
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California (5)
- Canada-AB
- Canada-BC
- Canada-SK
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Georgia
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Maryland
- Massachusetts (2)
- Michigan
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey (2)
- New Mexico
- New York (5)
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- Texas (3)
- Utah
- Virginia (2)
- Washington
- Wisconsin



## Selection Criteria

- A well-defined project proposal that is linked to K-12 CS Advocacy
- A strong project design with procedures and activities that are well defined, fully explained, and link to project goals
- The potential effectiveness and strength and impact of the project and the ease of replicating the project in other CSTA chapters
- Collaboration with higher education institutions and/or industry is highly recommended

# Project Timelines

- Round One:
  - Applications due November 12
  - Reviews November 13–30
  - Round one awards announced December 9 (CSEdWeek)
  
- Round Two:
  - Applications due January 6
  - Reviews January 7–26
  - Round two awards announced January 28

THANK YOU!

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