

Global Diversity Mini-Grants

we all Poster Project, Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin-Madison * USA

Purpose of Mini-Grants: Global Diversity Mini-Grants are established for educators and community leaders to create projects that help young people appreciate the similarities and diversity of the global cultures.

History of *we all* Mini Grants: Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Wisconsin-Madison created, for sale and for donation to qualified groups, multicultural poster sets for use in classrooms, libraries, offices, and community spaces. The posters focus on 15 global commonalities, such as WE ALL LEARN, WE ALL NEED FRIENDS, WE ALL NEED WATER, WE ALL NEED PEACE, and WE ALL CELEBRATE. Sale of posters has created a fund used to support mini-grants for educational purposes, according to criteria below.

Mini-Grant Amount: Mini-grants total up to \$500 maximum to a single group in a single year for a project. Groups may also request a complimentary set of *we all* posters, if applicable to their project.

Eligible Groups and Individuals: Applicants for funding may include Returned Peace Corps Volunteers or staff from any country or time period, teachers, librarians, or staff of 501 c(3) non-profit organizations whose mission relates to education in the broadest sense, including, for example, health education, international exchange, world languages, or social studies issues such as human rights and social justice. Projects can be classroom-based or school-wide. Applicants who can demonstrate inclusion of low-income groups will be given priority. Mailing of awards and posters is limited to US and Canadian addresses.

Criteria for Success: Applications will be evaluated on three criteria: 1) completion of all application information by the deadline, 2) feasibility of proposed project timeline and budget, and 3) applicability of project goals to *we all* Mini-Grant's stated purpose. Funds may not be applied toward Peace Corps Partnership Program projects of current Peace Corps Volunteers or international travel.

Project Examples: Projects must focus on or include international or multicultural curriculum activities. Project examples include:

- making a *world map mural* (<http://www.theworldmapproject.com>)
- inviting international guest speakers to a classroom, library or conference
- sponsoring multicultural art exhibitions or theater programs
- awareness or advocacy for global issues such human rights, global environment, world literacy
- promotion of world language programs in K-12 schools (excluding travel abroad)
- organizing a literacy or ESL program in an under-served community
- creating multicultural or international teaching materials
- developing curriculum units that use or include *we all* posters

Project Evaluation: Funding recipients should submit a one- page report, plus photos, within two months of the completion date of the project, to enable *we all* organizers to highlight the project in social media.

Application form: Mail or e-mail a cover letter to the address below, with attachments including this information:

1. Organization name and non-profit status, with tax exempt number if applicable (who to write check to)
2. Organization address, zip code, telephone numbers, email for contact individual
3. Name of project
4. Name of contact individual
5. Amount of money (US\$) requested
6. Project budget (US\$)
7. Estimated dates of project
8. Project description (no more than one page, single spaced, 12 font)
9. Project evaluation: how will you know if you have succeeded?
10. Sources of other funding being sought, if any
11. Is a complimentary ***we all*** poster set requested? (Specify Set 1, 2, or 3)
12. Letter of support from organizational head or other project-knowledgeable individual

The ***we all*** web site (rpcvmadison.org/weall) includes application deadlines, application process, poster order form, poster details, and existing curriculum resources.

Application Deadlines: Mini-grant applications will be evaluated quarterly:

March 1	deadline midnight February 28
June 1	deadline midnight May 31
September 1	deadline midnight August 31
December 1	deadline midnight November 30

Applicants will be notified approximately two weeks following these deadlines.

Mail application, by US mail or by e-mail to:

E-mail: <RPCVPoster@gmail.com>

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**** End of Application ****