

EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE GRANTS

GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING PROPOSALS

September 2011

The Manitoba Teachers' Society has made funds available as Equity and Social Justice Initiative Grants, to support teacher-initiated ESJ projects in 2011-2012. These projects may take the form of **action research study groups or activities and events**.

To be funded under the **MTS Equity and Social Justice Initiative Grants**, the project must meet the following requirements:

1. The proposed project must be a collaboration among a group of 3 or more Manitoba Teachers' Society members. One person in the group must be designated as project leader. For each project, it will be necessary to clearly outline the research plans and strategies, or the planned activities and the final report must record the results achieved.
2. The group must be committed to pursuing a project with a specific focus related to equity or diversity issues.
3. Project activities and purposes must be consistent with school, association, divisional and MTS policies. Each group must investigate the question of what local permission will be required and must obtain such permission prior to the initiation of the project.
4. Projects will not be funded to purchase "packaged" materials or programs, to conduct programs or research sponsored by other bodies, or to support research activities that are to be used for academic credit as part of a university course or the equivalent. (It is recognized that project ideas may grow out of other involvement or lead to other activities).
5. MTS staff is available to provide support and guidance to the group as needed. This may include research methods and ethical concerns, as well as other support.
6. The group must identify all of the costs of the project and identify how the costs will be covered. The Equity and Social Justice Initiative Grant can cover up to a maximum of \$800.00. Costs covered may include substitute costs, information and materials, travel and meal expenses to support meetings.
7. A written **summary of the ESJ Project** must be received no later than 30 days following the completion of the project or, must be submitted by **May 31, 2012**, at the latest.
8. Projects must include strategies for sharing results with teaching colleagues through, but not limited to, presentations at conferences and/or meetings, and/or publication

of reports in professional newsletters or journals (i.e. The Manitoba Teacher, SAG journals, etc.)

9. Timelines:

- Proposals will be received by **June 1, 2011**
- Projects will be approved by **June 30, 2011**
- One half of the approved grant amount will be advanced by **September 15, 2011**.
- Projects will begin September, 2011.
- A final project summary with accompanying receipts must be submitted by **May 31, 2012**. A clear accounting of funding and expenses must be part of the report.
- Upon receipt and acceptance of the final project summary by MTS Staff, the remaining one half of the grant amount will be forwarded to the project coordinator.
- **Deadlines must be adhered to in order to receive the Grant.**

10. Applications and/or questions should be directed to:

Ms. Terry Price, Staff Officer: 831-3072 or 1-800-262-8803, ext 210.