**Rockwood Water People’s Utility District**

**Water Education Mini-Grants Program**

**Purpose**

To supplement academic instruction by providing financial support for teachers to implement creative classroom projects that will foster greater student awareness of water and its importance.

**Grant Amount**

Awards will be granted in amounts up to $250 per project; a maximum of $250 will be awarded per school per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).

**Focus of Projects**

Projects or teacher training must focus on water issues. They may involve sources of water, water quality, water conservation, water-related environmental or governmental issues, etc. Consider all options for your application: classroom materials, guest speakers, field trips, teacher workshops, etc.; however, the project must demonstrate direct benefit to students. Creative and unique approaches to water education are highly encouraged.

**Eligibility**

All K-12 educators at schools within the Rockwood Water PUD service area are eligible to apply regardless of discipline or subject areas taught. Teachers may apply individually or as a group; however the project must involve water education to be eligible.

**How to Apply**

Complete the grant application provided. Be sure to:

* Describe the project in detail, listing the goals and objectives, supporting activities and methods to be used to evaluate the success of the project.
* Explain the benefits that students and others will receive by participating in the project.
* Provide an itemized budget for project materials and expenses.
* Provide the required teacher and principal signatures.

**Judging Criteria**

Applications will be selected based on the following criteria:

* Actively engages project participants in the learning process.
* Promotes a better understanding of water and the important role it plays.
* Clearly defines student activities, goals, and objectives.
* Budget clearly supports project activities.
* Demonstrates interdisciplinary learning.

**Application Deadline**

Entries may be submitted at anytime; however funding is limited, so submit your application as soon as possible. Grants will be awarded throughout the fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) subject to Rockwood Water PUD approval.

**Project Summary**

Following project completion, grant recipients may be required to submit a project summary describing the success of the project and a final budget expense report.

**For More Information**

For additional information on the grant program or assistance in completing the grant application, please contact Kerry Aden, Rockwood Water PUD, at 503-665-4179 or email kaden@rwpud.org.