



Bright Ideas

Energizing Innovative Lessons

Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc.



Purpose: Many teachers develop innovative classroom projects, but lack the funds to implement the projects. Bright Ideas funds them.

Eligibility:

- ❖ Teachers in grades K-12 in the LCEC service area.
- ❖ Projects must benefit students in grades K-12.
- ❖ Teachers may only be an applicant of one project per school year.

Subjects: Grants are open to all subjects.

Grant limit: Projects can be funded up to \$2,000 or they may be partially funded. The maximum grant amount is \$2,000.

Deadline: All applications must be **typed** and received at one of Lea County Electric Cooperative's three offices by last Friday in August. You can email your applications to memberservices@lcecnecnet.com or mail to P.O. Drawer 1447, Lovington, NM 88260. Applications received after deadline will not be considered.

Selection Criteria:

- ❖ Uses innovative, creative learning experiences for students (30 percent)
- ❖ Provides instructional experiences otherwise unavailable (20 percent)
- ❖ Involves teamwork (15 percent)
- ❖ Directly involve students (10 percent)
- ❖ Clearly defined goals and learning objectives (10 percent)
- ❖ Provides ongoing benefits to students (10 percent)
- ❖ Provides an adequate budget summary (5 percent)

If grant is awarded:

- ❖ Grant must be used within 18 months.
- ❖ Applicant will submit a report about the outcome of the grant.
- ❖ Applicant grants sponsors the right to use their name, photo and information about grant in publicity.

Sponsors: The Lea County Electric Education Foundation. Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc. a member of Touchstone Energy®, is a not-for-profit, consumer-owned power cooperative providing electricity to more than 16,000 consumers in parts of Chaves, Eddy, and Lea Counties in New Mexico and parts of Cochran, Gaines, and Yoakum Counties in west Texas.

Questions: Call Cherol Autry, at 575-396-3631 or e-mail to memberservices@lcecnecnet.com



2025 Bright Ideas Grant Application

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READ! READ! READ!

- **DO NOT INCLUDE** the name of your school, school mascot, or county in parts 2, 3 or 4.
- **YOU MUST USE THE 2025 FORM ONLY.** All applications must be typed.
- **DO NOT** attach any supplementary materials. Any supplementary materials will be discarded prior to judging.
- Grants are for up to **\$2,000** and should be used within 18 months of awarding.
- Grants will be awarded to public and private school teachers teaching students in grades K-12 LCEC service area.
- Grants are for classroom projects, **not professional development or class trips.**
- All grant recipients are required to submit a report on the outcome of grant project.
- Teachers may **only** be an applicant of **one** project per school year.
- Application **must** adhere to word limits.
- Applicants agree that their name, photo and project may be used in print, broadcast and other forms of media and publications promoting LCEC.
- Bright Idea Grants awarded the previous year **cannot** be resubmitted.
- All applications must be received at LCEC by the last Friday in August.

Failure to follow rules will automatically disqualify application.

Part 1 of 4 – Applicant Information

Teacher Applying for Grant
(First and Last Name)

Title of Proposed Grant Project

School Where Applicant Works

Grade(s) Applicant Teaches

School Mailing Address

School Street Address

School City, State, Zip

School Phone Number

School Fax Number

Applicant's E-Mail Address

Applicant's Cell Phone Number

Principal Support (Required)

I support this application and would support the project's implementation at my school.

Name (First and last name)

Signature (Please use pen.)

Date:

Applicant Agreement

I am a certified teacher in a New Mexico or Texas K-12 public or private school in LCEC service area. This is the only application I have submitted. I am not a part of another grant application. I will use this grant, if awarded, for students in grades K-12. I agree, if I win, to submit a report about the grant's outcome. I also agree that my name, photo and information about the grant may be used in publications by LCEC without compensation to me.

Signature (Please use pen.)

Date:

This Section Office Use Only

Grant Number

Meets requirements

Amount requested

Partial Funding Amount

Amount Awarded

Part 2 of 4 – Project Overview (Please DO NOT include the name of your school, school mascot, or county.) Limited to space provided.

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| Project Name | | | |
| Curriculum areas | | | |
| Amount requested | | Minimum needed to do project | |
| Number of students to benefit from project | | | |
| Will items purchased be used for more than one school year? | | | |
| Does project involve teamwork? | | If so, how many team members? | |

Part 3 of 4 – Project Narrative (Please DO NOT include the name of your school, school mascot, or county.) Limited to space provided.

Project summary – Give an overview of project.

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Part 3 of 4 – Continued (Please DO NOT include the name of your school, school mascot, or county.) Limited to space provided.

Innovation – Describe the innovative, and creative elements of project.

Goals – What are your goals for this project?

Implementation – How will you implement this project?

Benefits – What benefits will this provide students?

Part 4 of 4 – Budget (Please DO NOT include the name of your school, school mascot, or county.)
Limited to space provided.

Itemized Project Budget (Required on this form only)

| Item needed | Quantity needed | Unit Cost | Total Cost | Required? (Yes/No) |
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| Total project cost (Please estimate to the nearest FIVE DOLLAR increment.) | | | | |
| Will you accept partial funding? If so, how much? | | | | |
| If you receive partial funding, how will you fund the rest of your project? | | | | |

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