



# Ventura County Office of Education IMPACT II Grant Program



Individual Grants awarded are \$500 Each ● Team Grants awarded are \$750 per Team

Grant Money is also available from the *Amgen Foundation*  
for *Science and Mathematics* education related applications

\$500 in Grant Money is available for the *Superintendent's Award*  
Focusing on: *Digital Literacy*

\$500 in Grant Money will be awarded for the *Ed Lyon Award*  
given to the application with the *Highest Overall Score*

To learn more and to **Register your Impact II Grant Application** visit us online at:

**[www.vcoe.org/ImpactII](http://www.vcoe.org/ImpactII)**

## **DEADLINES:**

**Online Application Registration: January 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**  
**Narrative (.pdf) and Supporting Documents (.pdf): Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

# Ventura County Impact II Program Overview

The Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) invites educators from all school districts, charter schools, and private schools countywide to participate in the Ventura County Impact II Program. This program highlights educational innovation, creativity, student learning, and rewards educators for thinking outside the box. Further, the program attracts public attention to the positive aspects of our educational system.

In 1993, Ventura County began partnering with local organizations to recognize innovative and creative educators. Since 1993, with the support of local organizations, \$365,450 has been awarded to Ventura County Educators for innovative and creative curriculum in the form of \$500 Individual grants and \$750 Team Grants.

The purpose of IMPACT II is to spread excellent teaching ideas throughout our county. Recognizing innovative teachers at an awards dinner provides an opportunity to celebrate the true heroes and heroines in our communities. Over the years Ventura County IMPACT II has matured into the program that we envisioned at its inception. Business leaders, teachers, and administrators are becoming aware of the program and are participating in unprecedented numbers.

The Ventura County IMPACT II program is a partnership between the Ventura County Office of Education, the Ventura County Star and several local organizations. IMPACT II is cost effective. The County Education Office funds the day-to-day operation of IMPACT II, so contributions go directly to teachers and classrooms for student projects. IMPACT II puts cutting edge classroom projects into the mainstream, turning students on to learning. IMPACT II enables excellent teaching ideas to reach all teachers in the county and raises community awareness of exemplary classroom practices. IMPACT II boosts teacher morale by recognizing innovative teaching as well as enhancing teacher professionalism through local/national training and teacher presentations.

## Eligibility Criteria

Credentialed educators from all school districts, charter schools, and private schools countywide may submit an application if they teach K-12 (any subject or specialization) or provide teacher support at school sites and have a valid teaching credential.

Educators may submit as many grant applications as they wish. A person can receive one grant as an individual and one in partnership with another teacher or teachers.

While applicants may submit as many applications as they wish, applicants are eligible to receive only 1 grant in the Individual Category and 1 grant in the Team Category.

## Grant Categories (All Grants are awarded as \$500 Individual or \$750 Team Grants)

- Grant Money available from the Amgen Foundation for Science and Mathematics education related applications.
- \$500 in Grant Money available for the Superintendent's award.
- \$500 in Grant Money available for the Ed Lyon Award for the highest overall score.

## Application Criteria (See judges Rubric for more detail)

The curriculum unit must:

- a. Be innovative. We encourage units that integrate conventional and technological instruction.
- b. Fit into the regular curriculum.
- c. Have significant instructional value.
- d. Have a positive effect on student attitude and behavior.
- e. Have been classroom tested and taught by you in recent years.
- f. Be easily adaptable and useable by other teachers.
- g. Be more than a single lesson.

## Application Narrative Format:

1. DO NOT IDENTIFY YOURSELF, SCHOOL OR DISTRICT IN YOUR NARRATIVE.
2. 1.5 Line Spacing, one-sided, font Arial or Times New Roman, Size 10.
3. Please email narrative along with any relevant supporting information, e.g. student work samples and photos in **.pdf format** to [jtarkany@vcoe.org](mailto:jtarkany@vcoe.org).

## Address the following in your Narrative (not to exceed 1000 words):

- Succinctly describe why this curriculum is innovative and creative, the embedded best practices and the supporting educational materials.
- Describe how the curriculum supports the recommendations of relevant State Standards.
- Describe the lessons or activities that are used.
- Explain how the success of this curriculum is assessed.
- Describe how the curriculum positively effects student learning and achievement.

## The Scoring Process

Identifying information is removed from the applications; all applications are then reviewed by the Ventura County Office of Education Impact II Advisory Council members. The Advisory Council members consist of educators, school and district administrators, business and community leaders. Advisory Council members do not read applications from their own school or district. The Advisory Council then rates all applications using a rubric (see attached) that is designed to select innovative and creative units that are ready to be shared with other teachers. Clear, well organized, writing helps the advisory Council understand and evaluate your unit.

## Application Process and Deadline Date

1. Complete the online registration by Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, no later than 4:00 p.m. at [www.vcoe.org/ImpactII](http://www.vcoe.org/ImpactII).
2. After completing the online registration, email your narrative and supporting documents in .pdf format, to [jtarkany@vcoe.org](mailto:jtarkany@vcoe.org) no later than 4:00 PM, Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## IMPACT II Grant Application Rubric (All applications will be reviewed using this form)

Grant Title:      Grant No:

### Grant Application Review

The criteria listed below will be used by the grant reading teams to assess your applications. Grants do not need to contain each point however points are awarded in each area.

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### First Reading Team #

#### Innovative and creative: 50 Points Total

Points: 0 – 5 points for each Category listed below

- \_\_\_\_\_ Truly new and different
- \_\_\_\_\_ Exciting for students
- \_\_\_\_\_ Encourages divergent/creative thinking
- \_\_\_\_\_ Integrates more than one subject
- \_\_\_\_\_ Brings a new point of view
- \_\_\_\_\_ Allows personal expression
- \_\_\_\_\_ Multiple learning styles addressed
- \_\_\_\_\_ Non-textbook driven
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student-centered
- \_\_\_\_\_ Inspiring

\_\_\_\_\_ Sub-total

#### Educational and Management Value: 50 Points Total

Points: 0 – 5 points for each Category listed below

- \_\_\_\_\_ Not just a single lesson; sequential, logical, complete
- \_\_\_\_\_ State Standards based
- \_\_\_\_\_ Relevant to the real world
- \_\_\_\_\_ Expandable: seed for further units and ideas
- \_\_\_\_\_ Supports other areas of curriculum
- \_\_\_\_\_ Can be adapted to other grade levels
- \_\_\_\_\_ Will work with the range of abilities in a classroom
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assessment is clear
- \_\_\_\_\_ Positively affects student learning and achievement
- \_\_\_\_\_ Incorporates multiple disciplines

\_\_\_\_\_ Sub-total

Total for First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

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### Average of Combined Readings

Reading 1 Sub-total: \_\_\_\_\_ + Reading 2 Sub-total = \_\_\_\_\_ / 2 = \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading recommended