

MIDWEST MINUTE

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STRENGTHENING SCHOOL GRANTS

The SSG program awards grant money to support classroom needs, technology, or academic projects, clubs, and organizations at public schools K-12 in our service areas. It's perfect if:

- ✓ **You're a teacher** with a great idea for a class project
- ✓ **You're a school official** who oversees an academic club in need of new materials
- ✓ **You're an administrator** who wants to implement new technologies in all classrooms

The deadline for consideration in the 2022-23 grant cycle is **Oct. 17**. To see a full list of requirements, or to apply, visit teammidwest.com/strengthening-schools.

BUILDING VIBRANT COMMUNITIES GRANTS

If you're not working for a school district, this is the program you want. These are just a few of the Building Vibrant Communities grant recipients from the 2021-22 cycle:

- ✓ **A community organization** starting a financial literacy program
- ✓ **A historical society** putting on an event for the community
- ✓ **A local nonprofit** reaching out to veterans still adjusting to civilian life

There are so many ways to apply a BVC grant – it just has to fit our eligibility requirements. Visit teammidwest.com/community-grants to learn more and apply. BVC grant applications are accepted on a rolling timeline. The next deadline for consideration is **Aug. 30**.

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If you are an MEC electric customer and are interested in being part of the Strengthening Schools review committee, please email pr@teammidwest.com. Committee members must be able to dedicate time to reviewing, discussing, and awarding grants. This includes meeting in person for one full weekday in the fall and possibly one full weekday in January. Both grants are made possible through partnership dollars from Wolverine Power Cooperative.

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