



# THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION'S URBAN GRANTS PROGRAM

NEA's Urban Grants support local NEA affiliates to develop education reform leadership programs for preK-12/graduate school faculty and education support professionals. Urban Grants, administered by the NEA Constituent Relations department, are awarded for programs that help to:

- Close achievement gaps and increase graduation rates
- Engage underrepresented communities to help create great public schools for all children
- Advance community awareness of and collaboration with NEA affiliates to improve the quality of teaching and learning, including professional development
- Achieve a minimum \$40,000 starting salary for teachers, and a living wage for ESP
- Grow and develop association capacity, membership, and leadership
- Increase and stabilize public education funding

## AMOUNT

The grant amount is **\$5,000**. Twenty-five urban grants are awarded annually.

## PROJECT DURATION

Grants fund activities for twelve months from the date of the award.

## ELIGIBILITY

Any NEA local affiliate of 500 members or more, or which is the largest local NEA affiliate of any state regardless of membership number, may apply.

## DEADLINES

Application .....	September 30 <i>(Received)</i>
Awards .....	December 31
Interim Progress Report .....	May 31
Final Project Report .....	January 31

## APPLICATION

To apply for a grant by the September 30 deadline, download the pdf application form at <http://www.nea.org/assets/docs/urbangrantsapp.pdf>. After completing the form, email the pdf to Connie Morris at [cmorris@nea.org](mailto:cmorris@nea.org), and fax the signature page to 202-822-7624.

## RESPONSIBILITIES/REQUIREMENTS

### Signatures/Contact Information

All applicant locals must provide contact names and signatures of the project coordinator (s); local affiliate president; local affiliate executive director/UniServ director. Each application **must** provide an e-mail address for the primary contact person on the grant.

Urban Grant recipient locals **must submit interim and final reports** using NEA-provided guidelines; failure to do so may jeopardize future grant requests. The final report is a full, substantive narrative of the project; includes copies of any final products, newspaper clippings, or photographs; and must be received by January 31, one year after the grant is awarded.

NEA reserves the right to publicize, reproduce, or use the reports and/or products resulting from any Urban Grant project. Local affiliate grant recipients are announced at the National Council of Urban Education (NCUEA) Fall Conference and publicized in electronic publications.

Any print or electronic presentations or publications prepared in conjunctions with an NEA Urban Grant must include this statement: "This project is supported by the National Education Association through its Urban Grants program."

## PROPOSAL REVIEW AND SELECTION OF GRANT AWARDEES

Proposal review and selection are done by a carefully selected review team of NEA local affiliate presidents and NEA staff.

**All decisions by the review team are final.**

## CRITERIA THAT GUIDE SELECTION OF AWARDEES INCLUDE

- Statement of need and objectives that reflect NEA priorities
- Benefits to the local association
- Collaboration among members, school districts, communities, and other stakeholders
- Attainable and measurable outcomes
- Potential for successful completion within the timeline and budget provided
- Innovation, originality, and creativity
- Completeness, organization, and clarity of all elements of the application
- Sustainability of the project after the urban grant funding period.