



USPS Educational Fund Grant Request

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE USPS EDUCATIONAL FUND:

The undersigned hereby requests a grant from the USPS Educational Fund in an amount and for the purposes hereafter stated:

Name of Organization (grantee): UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS
Name of Department or Committee: EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT
Name and Title of Responsible Officer: V/C ROBERT J. SWEET, NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL OFFICER
Responsible Officer: _____ E-Mail Address: AEP@MINDSPRING.COM Phone Number: (508)555-4300
Title of Proposed Project: FIRE EXTINGUISHING TRAINING
Total Amount of Grant Funding Requested from USPS Educational Fund: \$ 14,865.15

Description of Project (*please limit to 300 words*):

Fire extinguishing is one of the skills required to be demonstrated as part of the Inland Navigator certification. We have encountered quite a number of areas where live fires are not allowed for testing. In addition, the cost of acquiring and recharging extinguishers can be prohibitive if the local fire department does not do it for us. Fire is one of the greatest fear factors for most boaters; therefore, it behooves us to find a way to train boaters. Our new emphasis is hands-on training. We also seek to allow boaters to practice firefighting under various conditions.

We have discovered an ideal solution. An electronic device produced by BullEx uses a panel that displays simulated fires. The firefighter uses a real extinguisher that has a laser in the nozzle. By sweeping the "fire" properly it can be extinguished, but it is not easy as the amount of simulated dry chemical is limited. The device called a BullsEye™ laser trainer offers 3 classes of simulated fire at 4 difficulty levels.

It is our proposal to acquire one of these systems with travel case that can be circulated to districts and squadrons for training. We have a quote from BullEx in the amount of \$12,255.15 for a system to which we would add \$175 for wheels on the case. We will train operators using a USPS member who is a certified fireman. We seek expenses for travel to Raleigh for 4 people for a day to train at 4 x \$400 for airfare, 4 x \$90 for hotel, \$225 for auto rental, and \$250 misc ground transport and expenses for a total of \$2,435 and a total grant request of \$14,865.15. We will invite others to participate in the training at their own (or local squadron/district) expense.

Estimated Project Budget (*total cost, including monies sought from other sources*): \$ 14,865.15
Planned Project Completion Date: September 30, 2025
Signature of Responsible Officer: Robert J. Sweet
Date of Written Submission of Grant Request: February 4, 2025

Conditions of Grant: *The Grantee must accept the following conditions if the grant is made. Failure to comply may result in the disallowance of certain expenses and/or immediate termination of the Grant:*

1. Grantee will send to the current chair of the Trustees a written report of the progress and status of the project 30 days prior to the USPS Annual Meeting and any USPS Governing Board Meeting, plus a final detailed report of the project, including expenditures, when the project is completed.
2. All announcements, publications, and media presentations produced through or for this project will specifically acknowledge the role of the USPS Educational Fund in underwriting the project.
3. If the project is not completed by the approved completion date, the project will be closed and no further expenses paid. If an extension of the approved completion date is required to complete the work of the project, the Grantee must apply for such an extension prior to the approved completion date.
4. Any unused grant funds remaining at the completion or termination of the project will be treated as uncommitted funds of the USPS Educational Fund and used by the Trustees to underwrite other grants.
5. The USPS Educational Fund and the Trustees shall have no responsibility or liability with regard to the project for which the grant was made.

Send to: ~~P/R/C Wayne Spraggins, SN Secy/Treas~~
~~USPS Educational Fund Trustees~~
~~6195 Carlyle Drive~~
~~Seven Hills, OH 44131~~

Grant Number: 205 (Trustees use only)
Date Authorized: 04 Feb 2025 (Trustees use only)
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