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CASSOPOLIS, Mich. — Midwest Energy & Communications (MEC) is now accepting applications for the 2022-23 Strengthening Schools Grants (SSG) cycle, made possible by partnership dollars from Wolverine Power Cooperative. The program awards grant money to support classroom needs, technology, or academic projects, clubs, and organizations at public schools K-12 in MEC's service areas.

Any teacher, administrator, or school official in a public elementary, middle, or high school serving students in our electric service regions may apply for a grant of up to \$2,500. School districts can receive multiple grants, not to exceed a total of \$5,000 for the award cycle.

The deadline for consideration in the 2022-23 grant cycle is Oct. 17. To apply, school representatives can visit [teammidwest.com/schools-grants-2022](https://teammidwest.com/schools-grants-2022) to fill out a form certifying eligibility and explaining how grant funds will be used. Incomplete applications will not be considered, and an application is not a guarantee of funding.

Applications are evaluated and funding decisions are made by a committee of MEC customers without knowledge of the applying school, district, or educator. Funds will be awarded in January 2023.

MEC's electric service areas include portions of Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph, Kalamazoo, and Van Buren Counties in southwest Michigan, as well as Lenawee County in southeast Michigan. MEC also serves small portions of St. Joseph, Elkhart, and LaGrange Counties in northern Indiana, and Williams and Fulton Counties in northern Ohio. Visit [teammidwest.com/electric-townships](https://teammidwest.com/electric-townships) for a full list of townships served by MEC.

In January, MEC awarded 28 grants for a total of \$30,070. MEC launched the Strengthening Schools grant program in 2013 to help public school teachers reach their students in new and exciting ways. Since 2013, the co-op has awarded 247 grants totaling \$300,838.10.

For more information about the SSG program, visit us online at [teammidwest.com/strengthening-schools](https://teammidwest.com/strengthening-schools).

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