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Dear Grants Administrator:

The California Table Grape Commission's "Innovation in Teaching" program is offering 10 mini-grants for up to \$500 each to teachers in California's grape-growing regions!

Enclosed is a flyer and application for you to distribute. The materials are also available for download at grapesfromcalifornia.com within the Kids & Teachers section. **Please distribute/post and publicize the mini-grant flyer and application to teachers and schools in your district.**

The mini-grants are available to elementary, junior high and high school teachers. Teachers are asked to submit innovative project ideas in any subject that directly involve and benefit the education of their students. Mini-grant applications can include ideas for classroom, outdoor, field trips and group projects that are completed by the end of the 2009-10 school year.

Past mini-grant awards include projects in a wide range of subject areas taught in some very innovative ways. For example, one of the teachers awarded last year used the funds to purchase equipment and materials to conduct a hands-on project on plant growth and bee pollination, which included a guest speaker from the UC Cooperative Extension. Other teachers awarded last year creatively used the grants to fund projects such as a solar energy race, a museum field trip and an interactive classroom store where students made and sold goods to each other with "play" money.

Mini-grant applications are due to the commission by **January 27, 2010**. This date has been extended from the original deadline of January 18.

Applications can be emailed to info@grapesfromcalifornia.com or mailed to: California Table Grape Commission, 392 W. Fallbrook, Suite 101, Fresno, CA 93711. The commission will determine the winning grants and notify all applicants and districts of the outcome in February 2010. Checks will be sent directly to the winning teacher's school for distribution to the awarded teacher.

To further publicize these grants, a news release will be sent to local newspapers that will announce the mini-grants and instruct teachers to contact their local district office for more information.

Thank you for supporting our "Innovation in Teaching" mini-grant program. Please feel free to contact the commission at 559.447.8350 or info@grapesfromcalifornia.com with any questions and/or comments.

Regards,

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