



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CIVIC EDUCATION FUND OF THE CAPE COD FOUNDATION

2015 GRANT AWARDEES

Barnstable High School of the Barnstable School District, Teachers: Steven Moynihan and Hilary Mueller

Edward M. Kennedy Institute – Senate Immersion Module and Student Study of Voting Participation. Funding will support transportation for students in government and the human geography class to attend the Edward M. Kennedy Institute Senate Immersion Module. Back at school, this interactive simulation of the United States Senate will serve as a catalyst for discussion of the election process and involve students in exit polling activities during the Massachusetts primary.

Dennis Yarmouth High School of the Dennis Yarmouth Regional School District, Teacher: Tamara Endich

Age-Friendly Community Game/Application: A Lesson in Community Development. Students in technology classes will create a game simulation to help students and community members learn the eight categories of an Age-Friendly Community as outlined by the World Health Organization. This project will orient students and community members to the work of the World Health Organization Age-Friendly Network and the Yarmouth Age-Friendly Community Project. This is an intergenerational project in partnership with Yarmouth Senior Services. Funds support webspace and technology tools.

Lawrence Junior High School of the Falmouth Public Schools, Teacher: James Deasy

The Lawrence School Action Civics Proposal. Grade 7 students will study democracy from its origins in ancient Greece to current practice in the US Senate by participating in the Edward M. Kennedy Institute Senator-In-Training program. This experience will deepen their understanding of the democratic process. They will extend this learning by relating it to their school government, which operates on a Town Meeting structure. Funds support transportation.

Nauset Regional High School, Nauset Regional School District, Teacher: Lisa Brown

Nauset Educational Diversity TV Program (NED talks). The Honors Exploring Differences Class (HEARD) will develop a TV Show fashioned after the internet Ted Talks, where students will discuss civics topics, diversity and current social issues affecting them at school and beyond campus. The show will be produced for local cable access TV and provide Internet access. Students will shoot in-the-field footage and be active audience participants and topic researchers. Funds will support videos for public issue research and a digital camera for field use.

ABOUT THE LWV CIVIC EDUCATION FUND

The League of Women Voters of the Cape Cod Area in partnership with The Cape Cod Foundation has established a fund that will support Action Civics for middle and high school students on Cape Cod. Action Civics combines traditional civic education, guided experiential civic education, and youth leadership development with the goal of creating an engaged citizenry capable of effective participation in the civic process, in their communities and in society.

The fund supports middle and high school teachers in initiating, or expanding, civic education opportunities for their students. Grants of up to \$1000 per school district are awarded with a goal of being able to support every school district, secondary charter school or vocational high school on the Cape.

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Schools looking to apply can visit www.capecodfoundation.org, Receive, Current Grants. The grant cycle for 2016 will not begin until spring 2016.

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