



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

2016 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 Immigration
Funding will support transportation for students in the Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics class and the Advanced Placement Human Geography class to attend the Edward M. Kennedy Institute to participate in the Senate Immersion Module. Using tablets provided by the Institute, groups of students work together to create a bill on an historic issue or current policy affecting the country. The students will participate in the Immigration SIM, a topic geography students are studying. This allows both AP Geography students and 9th grade Human Geography students, who will be participating in other civic experiences, to integrate civics into their curriculum.

Dennis Yarmouth High School of the Dennis Yarmouth Regional School District, Teachers: Edward Fiorentino and Thad Rice

Edward M. Kennedy Institute – Senate Immersion Module and Student Study of the Legislative Process
Funding will support transportation for students in the 11th and 12 grade from the AP U.S. History and Senior Honors Seminar classes to participate in the Senate Immersion Module. They will participate in a Senate role play and following this experience back at the school they will monitor the legislation that they worked on by monitoring actual legislation in the real Congress through various news forums.

Wixon Innovation School of the Dennis Yarmouth Regional School District, Teacher: Michelle Dunn

Fifth Grade Study of the Levels of Government
Students will tour the State House, meeting with local legislators and also attend the Edward M. Kennedy Institute, where they will be introduced to the Senator in Training program simulation, specifically designed for students in grades 3 through 7. The Senator in Training Program will enrich students' skills in the areas of research, debate, perspective taking, and forming and explaining an opinion.

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 \$750 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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Those interested in supporting the fund can donate online at www.capecodfoundation.org or send a check made out to **LWV Civic Education Fund** and mail it to The Cape Cod Foundation, 259 Willow Street, Yarmouthport, MA 02675.

Schools looking to apply can visit www.capecodfoundation.org, Receive, Current Grants. The grant cycle for 2017 will not begin until spring 2016.

The Cape Cod Foundation is a community foundation whose mission is to build permanent charitable resources for community betterment through informed grant making and civic leadership. The Foundation has distributed more than \$50 million in grants and scholarships since its founding in 1989. www.capecodfoundation.org

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy. The local chapter started in Orleans in 1959 and later expanded to become the League of Women Voters of the Cape Cod Area. www.lwvcapecod.org