

2010-11 “The Stock Market Game” Program

Grant Overview: The Stock Market Game (SMG) is a classroom simulation that offers players the opportunity to invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Players can buy, sell, short sell and short cover. Teams of students enter their trades at the Stock Market Game Worldwide on-line site. Trades are processed every 15 minutes, and students can view updated portfolios daily.

SMG is offered for ten week periods during the fall, spring and late spring. A year long game is also available. In Pennsylvania, players compete with other schools in their local area.

What teachers like about SMG:

- Engages all students
- Is hands-on and real life
- Teaches about the U.S. economic system
- Sharpens decision making skills
- Encourages interest in financial management skills
- Provides basis for interdisciplinary projects
- Provides opportunity for teacher training
- Offers support classroom materials and lesson plans
- Can be used as classroom or extra-curricular activity

Over 270 WCSD students in grades 4-12 took part in SMG during the 2009-10 school year. The program was funded by a \$3,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Warren County. The administration would like to approach the Community Foundation for funding appropriate for a second year of the program. The funding would provide professional development to teachers in the program, as well as lesson plans, training on game administration, and other information necessary to deliver the program.

Amount of Award: \$3,000.00

Due Date/Notification of Award: Due June 1, 2010. Notification is immediately following foundation board meetings.

Alternatives if not Awarded: The proposed program will not move forward without the grant funding.

WCSD Resources Required: None.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to submit a grant application to the Community Foundation of Warren County in the amount of \$3,000 to support the implementation of "The Stock Market Game" program in 2010-11 at various grade levels throughout the district.