
Internal Review and Approval for External Proposals

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Year of Project 1 of 2
Reference #:

Morehead State University
Division of Academic Affairs
Research and Sponsored Programs

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Proposal Summary

Project Director(s)/Principal Investigator(s)

Kimberlee Sharp, Professor Teacher Education
Betty Jones, Teacher Social Studies

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Powell County Schools

Other Collaborator(s)/Writer(s)

Agency Rural Schools Collaborative

Project Period 7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026

CFDA Number Discretionary

Title Rural Teacher Corps-Community of Learners (RSC) 25-27

CPE Category Instruction

Funding Type Private

Proposal Type Proposal

Narrative The RTC grant will have a transformative effect on rural education in MSU's service region by increasing the number of highly qualified educators committed to teaching in rural schools. By strengthening teacher recruitment, retention, and professional development, the project will help stabilize rural schools, improve student outcomes, and address chronic teacher shortages. Additionally, the emphasis on data collection and best practices will inform future policies and investments in rural education. Through enhanced collaboration and national outreach, AFE will serve as a model for other rural teacher pipeline programs, ultimately fostering long-term educational and economic growth in the region.

Budget Summary

Source	Totals	Amount	Description	Details
Agency	\$20,000			
		\$18,182	Direct Costs	
		\$1,818	Facilities & Administrative Costs	
Project Total	\$20,000			

Personnel Effort

Special Requirements

NOTE: Year 1 of 2 year project. Betty Jones serves as our second liaison on this project. She is a 2024 MSU graduate and AFE alum. Betty is employed by Menifee County Public School District. NM Betty is employed by Powell County Public School District for school year 25-26. NM Routing updated to reflect Dr. Mason as Dean of VCOE and Betty's updated employment. 7/23/25 NM

Proposal Review and Approvals

Project and Co-Project Director's Compliance Certification:

I certify that I will comply with the policies of the funding source and with the internal University policies and procedures in performing any duties assigned as a result of receiving a grant/contract in response to this submission.

Kimberlee A. Sharp 7.24.25

Kimberlee Sharp, Professor Date

Betty Jones 8/4/25

Betty Jones, Teacher Date

Chair, Dean or Unit Administrator's Compliance Certification

We certify that we have reviewed and approved the proposal, including the full cost of the budget and sources of internal funds, and it is consistent with the educational and research objective of the unit.

Timothy Simpson 7.24.25 Nicola F. Mason 8.4.25

Timothy Simpson Date Nicola Mason Date

_____ Date Martina Skidmore Date

Institutional Approval

_____ Date

Other Approvals

Shannon Harr Date
Director, Research and Sponsored
Programs