



Education

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TO: Superintendents of Eligible School Divisions

Dear Colleagues:

Re: Rural and Northern Clinician Grant

Manitoba Education is pleased to inform you that the Rural and Northern Clinician Grant is again available for rural and northern school divisions for the 2011-2012 school year. The grant is available to those divisions that are not located in the cities of Brandon or Winnipeg, and that are outside a 90-kilometre radius of the city of Winnipeg.

The grant available to your division is up to a maximum of \$30,000 per year. This grant can be used to support:

- existing divisional employees who wish to acquire additional training in one of the identified difficult to fill positions (up to a maximum of \$30,000 per individual); or
- a current post-secondary student who is accepted or enrolled in a course of studies that will lead to eligibility to work in Manitoba schools (up to a maximum of \$15,000 per individual); or
- newly graduated clinicians, for student loans or tuition fees (up to a maximum of \$10,000 per individual).

All of the above arrangements will need to include a signed return of service agreement that will be administered by your school division. Upon submission and processing of documentation (see attached application and information sheet), Manitoba Education will release the funding to your division.

The deadline for submitting this information is June 24, 2011 for the 2011-2012 academic year.

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Please note that it is the clinician candidate's responsibility to ensure that their program of study will meet school clinician certification criteria outlined by the Professional Certification Unit where appropriate (refer to www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/profcert/index.html for further information).

We are pleased with the feedback that we have received from school divisions who have successfully utilized this grant over the past several years.

We wish you every success in finding candidates who meet your staffing requirements.

If you have further questions, you can contact me at 204-945-7911 or joanna.blais@gov.mb.ca.

Sincerely,

"original signed by"

Joanna Blais
Director

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