

2020 Compeer Financial and Agriculture in the Classroom - Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin MORE for Agriculture Grant Application

The Compeer Financial Fund for Rural America, the corporate giving program of Compeer Financial, has provided a **MORE for Agriculture Grant** as an Agriculture in the Classroom (AIRC) multi-state project. This grant is targeted to support innovative projects or programs that encompass four qualities: align and fulfill the **Mission** of Compeer Financial, create a new **Opportunity** for clients or future clients, could be **Replicated** by others to serve different geographic areas, and **Evolves** over time to create a better future for agriculture and rural America.

Working with Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin AIRC Programs, grade 7-12 teachers are eligible to apply for this grant. This grant will be used to provide 50 classroom sets of *The Hungry Planet* by Peter Menzel to participating classes in each state. The book details the food consumption of various families around the world. Companion educational lessons and resources will accompany the books.

As a part of the grant, a 3-hour training, held in July 2020, is required. Two optional dates will be offered in each state for recipients to choose from.

- Illinois training dates: July 21 or July 22 – location TBD
- Minnesota training dates: TBD
- Wisconsin training dates: Thursday, July 2 or Monday, July 13 – location TBD

Timeline:

- May 10, 2020: Grants applications are due (this was extended from the original April 10th date)
- May 22, 2020: Grant announcements made
- July 2020: Attend a mandatory training program on implementation of grants
- September-November 2020: Classroom implementation
- December 2020: Collect reports and distribute survey data and results

Logistics

- Apply [HERE](#) for project funding, outlining the project, goals and desired outcomes. Or visit <https://www.wisagclassroom.org/grants-awards/>.
- Projects should focus on *integrating agriculture into a variety of curriculum areas*.
- Applications will be completed via Jot Form. If sent by hard copy, they must be received by May 10, 2020.

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