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Project Impact Offers Mini-Grant for Teachers to Educate Students on Lowcountry Hazards

\$1,000 in grants available to Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester County elementary and middle schools

The Charleston County area [S.C. Project Impact Initiative](#) is offering a mini-grant program to Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester County elementary and middle schools.

Grants will be given to schools that develop programs using art, music, theatre, or hands-on activities to educate students about the types of hazardous events that could impact the Lowcountry, and ways to minimize losses associated with these types of events.

Grant funding is also available for projects that educate students about environmental awareness and protection. The funding may be used for supplies or materials needed for these types of projects.

There is a total of \$1,000 available for local schools, and the funding will be distributed to selected applicants in sums of no more than \$500 each. The mini-grant program is funded by Project Impact, which is an ongoing initiative originally sponsored by FEMA to assist local communities in becoming more disaster resistant.

Project Impact committees will review the applications that are received and will select the winners.

GRANT APPLICATION DETAILS:

- The application deadline is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009
- The award notification will occur on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009
- An application can be downloaded at http://www.charlestoncounty.org/Departments/BuildingServices/ProjectImpact/mini-grant_application.pdf
- For more information about the mini-grant program, contact Wendy Wicke, Senior Environmental Specialist with Charleston County Government, at (843) 202-6940 or wwicke@charlestoncounty.org.

For more information on Project Impact, visit <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/Departments/BuildingServices/ProjectImpact.htm>.

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