

# **B.I.G. Idea Grants**

## *Belong. Impact. Grow.*

**NSU is a place where you can BELONG within our university community, have an IMPACT on the lives of others as well as in our campus and local communities and cultivate knowledge, skills and relationships that will help you GROW as a leader. The “B.I.G. Idea Grant” is designed to empower NSU students with the opportunity to take a leadership role in proposing and leading B.I.G. ideas.**

### **Guidelines for B.I.G. Idea Grants Submissions**

- Grants will be awarded to initiatives that are open to all NSU students and do not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, religion or disability.
- Funding priorities include initiatives that promote, belonging, impact, and growth in one or more of the following areas.
  - Appreciation for Diversity
  - School Spirit and Campus Pride
  - Spiritual Development or Awareness
  - Service, Advocacy, or other Community Engagement
  - NSU Student Success
  - Student Recognition
  - International Student Support
  - Student Leadership Effectiveness
  - Commuter Student Engagement
- Applications must be submitted by January 16, 2009 for the Spring/Winter Semester and April 17, 2009 for Fall 2009.
- Leadership Conferences will not be considered for funding.
- Funded programs must use the B.I.G. Idea Grant logo on their advertising.
- Special attention will be given to grant applications that demonstrate the following:
  - Collaboration between students and groups
  - Collaboration with university departments and/or faculty
  - Initiatives with a fundraising plan and/or matching funds.
  - Significant student involvement in the planning and implementation of the project.
  - At least one person in the planning team who has earned the Emerging Leader Certificate
  - Lack of other funding sources on campus for the initiative
- Applicants will be required to meet with an Initiative Mentor.

## The B.I.G. Idea Grant: *Ideas that promote Belonging, Community Impact and Growth*

### Funding Process

- Award decisions will be made by the B.I.G. Idea Committee which will consist of faculty, staff and students with final approval from the Director of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement.
- Notification of awards will be made through an award letter that will be sent electronically to the project leader indicated on the application. All grant recipients will be required to attend the B.I.G. Orientation.
- When the initiative is confirmed, all check requests and work orders must be made through the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement at least 15 business days in advance of the date that the check is needed.
- Grant applications will be accepted twice per year:
  - January 16, 2008 with notification by January 21, 2008
  - April 17, 2009 with notification by April 22, 2009 (for 2009-2010 initiatives)

### Project Leader Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate or Undergraduate: \_\_\_\_\_ Major/Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Initiative Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a separate document with the following information:

1. Purpose of the event - What campus, community or student need are you addressing?
  - Note: This is important. Please provide back-up regarding how you know this is a need and the expected outcomes or results of your initiative. (2-3 pages)
2. Timeline for implementing the initiative
3. Publicity and Engagement Plan - how will you connect people into your initiative?
4. An itemized initiative budget.
5. Partnering individuals, groups, colleges, or departments
6. Any matching funds that you have secured and/or funds that you have raised as well as plans for future fundraising.



