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<http://www.grantsandresearchhelp.us/grants/>

## Grantseeking Assistance

### **1. SEPARATION OF GRO-O-GRAM CONTENT: 2 EDITIONS TO BE PUBLISHED**

In response to a recommendation made at the annual advisory board meeting last May, GRO-o-Grams will be separated into *Applying Research to Practice* and *Grant-Seeking* editions. Each emailed issue will be identified in the subject header as one or the other. This will result in a few more emails being sent, but with subject matter concentrated under one heading. Hopefully, this will allow readers to select and concentrate on issues of their particular interest.

### **2. GRO WEBSITE – NEW AND IMPROVED!!!**

Other recent GRO activity has concentrated on changes to the website, which is a repository for a vast body of knowledge and resources for member district personnel and other educators across the country.

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accessible to all users. This will make it easier for new guests as well as those who might only use the site occasionally.

The Grants and Research Office encourages you to contribute content and suggestions for additional material. The revised site includes the new Teaching and Learning Share Site, which features content such as CLEP and other initiatives and materials from other districts.

### 3. [GRO AWARDED MATH & SCIENCE TRAINING CENTER FUNDS FOR METRO AREA](#)

Last May, the GRO office in partnership with the [Metro Educational Cooperative Service Unit \(Metro ECSU\)](#) was awarded approximately \$1.5 million in Minnesota Department of Education funding to establish a metro area math center. The higher education partners—the University of Minnesota, Hamline University, and Normandale Community College—provide content expertise and instructors for this 12-month professional development initiative. [SciMath MN](#) will disseminate grant products and work with business partners to support the centers.

The new coordinator of the **Region 11 Math and Science Teacher Center**, Cindy Stevenson, hosted a successful kick-off event September 23 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Over 650 educators gathered to focus on strategies for teaching algebra to middle level learners. Going forward, five days of training will be held in addition to work carried out at each of the 56 participating schools through professional learning communities (PLC's). More information about the center, training dates and resources can be found at [www.region11mathandscience.org](http://www.region11mathandscience.org).

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