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Any members of the EC can answer your questions about the new

### Mini Grant Program.

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## NORTH CAROLINA



AMERICAN  
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introduces its new

# MINI GRANT PROGRAM

*financial support for advancing  
AAUW's mission at the local  
level...available to any AAUW  
branch in North Carolina that  
wants to "grow" its branch by  
increasing membership, taking on  
a project, educating branch  
leaders or planning other  
activities designed to keep AAUW  
visible in communities*

## The Mini Grant Program: Overview

In the spirit of the Reconnection process which AAUW NC began over two years ago, AAUW NC is offering mini grants to any branch in our state. A total of \$2000 is available for mini grant awards. The grants will be awarded in two cycles:

\$900 was awarded in the Fall 2005 cycle. \$1100 will be awarded in the Spring 2006 period.

## Types of Mini Grants

Mini grants are awarded for three different types of projects. Each type of project has a cap on the amount of money which will be awarded. To apply for a mini grant, a branch must complete an application and submit a brief final report.

## Mini Grant Review Process

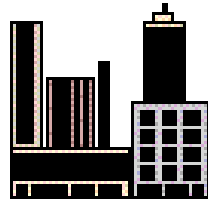
A panel of three people reviews each branch's application. (A copy of the application was printed in the Tar Heel News.) The panel gives points based on several criteria. The application and scoring sheet which the judges use are printed on the AAUW NC web site ([www.aauwnc.org](http://www.aauwnc.org)). Or copies can be mailed to you by contacting the AAUW NC Secretary at 828-884-7648.

## Availability of Funds

The mini grant program is a pilot program of AAUW NC for the 2005-2006 year. Though state funds are very limited, the Board elected to fund this program, believing that branches can best define what they need to carry out AAUW's mission at the local level.

Offering financial resources to all twenty-two NC branches is one way of connecting AAUW NC's vision for their future with the branches' plans for their own growth and development.

## MINI GRANTS: Three Types of Projects That Will Be Funded



### COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECTS: Maximum Award of \$500

These types of projects must involve an event or other activity that is designed to reach nonmembers. Often a project of this nature will involve collaborating with one or more community partners. These projects will often focus on public policy, voter education, social justice, economic welfare, diversity or educational issues. Branches which are currently involved in a community action project may apply for funds to extend the scope or audiences for a project, for example.

### BRANCH CAPACITY PROJECTS: Maximum Award of \$100



These projects best fit branches who are not yet ready to take on a community action project but sense they have the ability (capacity) within their branch to take on something "bigger" if they focus on building the skills/energy of the membership to someday consider such a project.

Branch capacity projects could, for example, include efforts, to...

- ▶ increase membership
- ▶ improve fundraising capacity
- ▶ reach out to more diverse individuals and organizations
- ▶ insure local AAUW Board members are up-to-date, informed and can educate other branch members re. AAUW NC and Association's immediate and long term priorities
- ▶ take steps to educate more branch members to make them comfortable with technology and train them to learn to how to communicate electronically
- ▶ buy materials to develop a portable presentation about your branch that could be taken anywhere -- malls, festivals, etc.

### TRAVEL FUND PROJECTS: Maximum Award of \$50



If your branch believes it can benefit by becoming better connected with other branches and/or AAUW NC, these grants will help pay transportation and related costs for making that connection!