**Georgia Organization of School-Based Speech-Language Pathologists**

**Mini-Grant for School-based SLPs in Honor of Debbie Lozo Announcement**

You have a great idea and we would like help you make it happen! The Georgia Organization of School-Based Speech-Language Pathologists (GO SSLP) is proud to announce the availability of the $500 Mini-Grant in honor of Debbie Lozo to 6 members. Three mini-grants will be awarded in the fall and three mini-grants will be awarded in the spring. This mini-grant provides funds to school-based speech-language pathologists who are members of GO SSLP to develop and implement instructional projects that motivate and challenge students to improve their speech-language skills. Proposals should be unique projects that enliven and enrich the speech-language skills of students within the educational system. They may include interdisciplinary projects, active-learning lessons, technology utilization, and/or community-based instruction. You think it’s a great idea and we would love the opportunity to help you see it come true!

Debbie Lozo is one who helped to forge GO SSLP and make it what it is today. She is known not only for her generous contributions to GO SSLP but also known for her research, innovative ideas, and promotion of cutting edge practices within the school system. Based upon her leadership, her desire to promote our field, and her example of a school based SLP; we are pleased to award the Mini-Grant for School Based SLPs in Honor of Debbie Lozo.

**We know you have great ideas and we want to hear about them!**

**The mini-grant is targeted to help you try the idea!**

Sample ideas include and are not limited to:

You think certain speech-language intervention programs might benefit your students and so you need to purchase them to see how effective they are in improving various skills for your students. (Examples: START-IN, Hear Builder, Earobics, etc.)

You want to start a “lunch bunch” to target social skills but need intervention and program materials.

You have great thematic unit ideas to increase target vocabulary but need to purchase those various materials.

Your students could benefit from a community based instruction and follow-up exercise and money is needed to support this.

There is an interesting and promising AAC app or device that you could use in your school that requires substantial money to purchase.

The plan is simple- have an idea, plan it out, take a pre-test, implement idea, and then take a post-test- Done! And you have helped your students to succeed at the same time!

Pre-tests and post-tests can be whatever you are using to measure progress- identifying or expressing various vocabulary, increasing MLU, improvement in social initiation/responses occurrences in a 10 minute conversation, or even completing a simple pre-test and post-test worksheet that looks at the target skill. Whatever works for you could work for this!

We aren’t looking for “formal research” with a control group and in-depth meta-analysis- we want to help your ideas come true and want you to share them in a brief summary in the newsletter. If you would like to present at the poster session we would love for you to do that as well- but not required.

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GO SSLP is seeking applications for the Mini-Grant for School-Based SLPs. This mini-grant provides funds to school-based speech-language pathologists to develop and implement instructional projects that motivate and challenge students to improve their speech-language skills. Proposals should be unique projects that enliven and enrich the speech-language skills of students within the educational system. They may include interdisciplinary projects, active-learning lessons, technology utilization, and/or community-based instruction.

**Application Information:**

* The spring mini-grant application period opens July 30th and closes September 1st with money awarded in January. 3 mini-grants will be awarded in this application period.
* The fall mini-grant application period opens March 15th and closes June 30th with money awarded in July. 3 mini-grants will be awarded in this application period.
* Grants of $500 will be dispersed to the top applicants
* Open to all PK-12 school-based speech-language pathologists who are members in good standing with GO SSLP and in good standing with their employer
* The GO SSLP reserves the right to publicize all grant programs.
* Grant recipients will be recognized by GO SSLP at the Best Practices Conference
* Funds cannot be allocated toward personal honorariums for the applicant.
* Proposals will not be funded for expansion and/or maintenance of previous grants.
* GO SSLP reserves the right to fund programs that it considers appropriate for one school, but not for another.
* Each SLP may submit only one proposal; however, if an SLP is part of a team for one proposal, the SLP is not prohibited from submitting another proposal as part of a different team or on their own
* Review committee: Membership Chair, Past Chair, and 2 Regional Reps
* Recipients will have one calendar year from the time the money was awarded to them to complete their project.
* Recipients will submit an article to GO SSLP for publishing in newsletter regarding mini-grant project purpose, procedure, outcome, and evaluation of results.
* Recipients are strongly encouraged to submit an application to present a poster session at the Best Practices conference the school year after project completion.
* All items purchased with Mini-Grant funds will belong to the recipient.

**Application Requirements:**

* Completed Mini-Grant General Information and Proposal sheets
* Attach a current vita containing current position, work history, volunteer activities, etc.
* A final expense report may be required
* To be considered, you must be a member of the Georgia Organization of School-Base Speech-Language Pathologists in good standing
* Grant recipients must agree to submit an application to present a poster session at the Spring Best Practices Conference AND/OR submit an article for publication to GO SSLP for the newsletter on how the funds impacted the targeted students. Article submission due following project completion.
* Project funds must be spent and project completed during the calendar year after funds were received.
* Applicant's name or school name should ***NOT*** appear in the text of Project Proposal information. Include name only in the general information section.

**Application Submission Periods:**

**Opens July 30th - Closes September 1st with money awarded in January**

**Opens March 15th – Closes June 30th with money awarded in July**

**Application may be mailed to:**

**GO SSLP Executive Office  
2700 Cumberland Parkway, Suite 570  
Atlanta, GA 30339**

**OR The application may be emailed to: Kathryn Stempler at kathryn@associationstrategygroup.us**

**GO SSLP Mini-Grant Application General Information**

School-Based Speech-Language Pathologist Mini-Grant Application General Information (please type). All information must be completed for consideration.

Name of Applicant:

E-mail:

Address:

Cell/Home Phone Number:

Years of Experience:

School Name:

School Address:

School Phone Number:

GO SSLP Membership Number:

If given the funds, I agree to submit an article regarding the results of the mini-study or project outcome to the GO SSLP newsletter and/or submit an application for a poster session for the Spring Best Practices conference.

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Applicant’s Signature Date

Employment Verification: I verify that the above named individual is an employee of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ School System.

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Signature Date

Supervisor or Principal acknowledgment: I verify that I have read and approved this application for the GO SSLP mini-grant.

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**GO SSLP Mini-Grant Project Proposal Information**

Please type and all information must be completed for consideration. Please limit each response to 200 words or less.

GO SSLP membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Project Title:

1. Detailed description of the project: describe your idea. Be sure to include project purpose, population that will be targeted, and examples of envisioned activities.

2. Provide Project Objectives: Describe what your students will learn or be able to accomplish as a result of this mini-grant.

3. Provide a schedule of events (project timeline)

4. Project Evaluation: Describe how student progress will be monitored.