



## **PROTOUCH CARES AGRICULTURAL TEACHER GRANT AWARD Application Guidelines**

The St. Croix Foundation's Teacher Grant Award Program was established in 2000 with the ultimate goal of enhancing the classroom experience for elementary students and their teachers. In 2018, the ProTouch Cares Agricultural Teacher Grant was established, expanding the grant program to include elementary and junior high school teachers and providing targeted student enrichment opportunities around the economic and social critical importance of *agriculture* on St. Croix. This grant is made possible by the ProTouch Cares Donor Advised Fund.

### **Grant Cycle & Reporting Requirements**

- The ProTouch Cares Agricultural Teacher Grant will award teacher grants, not to exceed \$1000 each, to support classroom enrichment projects for the 2019-2020 school year.
- The grant cycle opens August 15 with applications due by September 16. Applicants are encouraged to submit their application online by visiting <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=scf>. Final decisions will be announced to all applicants by September 30.
  - **NOTE:** Hard copy applications may be requested but must be submitted to St. Croix Foundation's office via email or mail no later than September 9 for processing time.
- If funded, the recipient school is required, within 30 days, to return the grant agreement letter prior to the receipt of funds.
- Final reports on how the funds were used and the project's impact are required for all projects upon completion of the project (at year end).

### **Eligibility & Application Criteria**

- The ProTouch Cares Agricultural Teacher Grant is open to all public, private, and parochial elementary and junior high school teachers on the island of St. Croix.
- Active student participation in developing the design and outcome(s) of their project is a vital component of this Grant Award. Teachers are expected to work with students in creating projects that are relevant to their classroom curriculum and will allow them to experience the material they are learning in their textbooks in real world terms.
- All projects will be thoughtfully considered by the Grants Review Committee; however, priority will be given to those applications that include the following:
  1. Motivate and inspire both students *and* teachers
  2. Provide students with a broad learning experience of the world around them
  3. Promote interactive learning
  4. Enliven student creativity
  5. Have clear and measurable goals and methods for evaluation

**Apply: To view the application and apply, please visit:**

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=scf>

**Questions:** If you have any questions about eligibility, the online application process or would like to learn more, please contact Lilli Cox at [lcox@stxfoundation.org](mailto:lcox@stxfoundation.org) or the Foundation's office at 340.773.9898.