



Education Matching Grant Project

an initiative of the USAID-funded Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM) Program

The Education Matching Grant Project (EMGP) is a component of USAID's Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM) Program. EMGP is designed to increase public awareness of the problems facing education in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) and neighboring conflict-affected areas of Mindanao, and at mobilizing community and private sector support for activities designed to solve some of these problems.

What is an Education Matching Grant?

Resources provided to **match** those provided by Parent-Teacher-Community Associations and other community organizations for a specific program or activity in a qualified school.

Who funds these Matching Grants?

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) provides the matching funds. The Education Matching Grant Project of USAID's Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM) Program.

How large is a Matching Grant?

The value of an Education Matching Grant is determined by the amount raised by the Parent-Teacher Community Associations. For example, if a PTCA is able to raise P20,000 to establish a library, then it can apply for a Matching Grant of P20,000. An Education Matching Grant will amount to no more than **50 percent** of the total activity or program cost.

What types of activities can be assisted by an Education Matching Grant?



Education matching grants may be utilized for the improvement of activities and/or facilities to improve any legitimate educational program in a school. The list presented below is illustrative of the types of grants awarded to date, but PTCAs should feel free to propose additional activities that will benefit the children and teachers of their schools:



- Establishing or improving school libraries;
- Establishing or improving science laboratories;
- Establishing or improving computer laboratories (the PTCA purchases 1 new computer and GEM purchases another Computer to **match** it);



- Establishing or improving home economics laboratories;
- Establishing or improving multimedia resource centers.

Education Matching Grants cannot be provided for:

- Activities in support of religious education/ training;
- Activities not directly related to educational resources and/or programs.

How do PTCAs apply for Education Matching Grants?

Contact the EMGP team. Just send a message by text, fax or email, and an EMGP staff member will call you to provide information on how to apply for an Education Matching Grant. Be sure to include your name, the name of your school, and your mobile or landline telephone number in the message.

Education Matching Grant Examples

A PTCA of a school in Maguindanao Province raised funds from its members, from community donors, and from the local Chamber of Commerce. The funds were matched by the EASE Program and used to buy equipment and materials needed for a science lab. Having a lab enabled the students to expand their science knowledge, and resulted in the reactivation of the school's Science Club.

A PTCA in a conflict-affected area of Tulunan, North Cotabato, with contributions from its members, the Alumni Association, and the students' Science Club, improved the school library and science laboratory. With support from a Matching Grant, they were able to purchase bookshelves, tables, chairs, books, various illustration materials, and science laboratory equipment

The PTCA of a high school in Olutanga Island, Zamboanga Sibugay, with the support of the school's student clubs, Student Government, and Alumni Association, raised funds to establish and improve the school library, science laboratory and multimedia resource center. With the PTCA's continued support, the school was provided with a second Matching Grant to further improve its multimedia center.

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