URGENT NEED MINI-GRA NT PROGRAM
American Association of School Administrators

Background
The rising number of disadvantaged families in America paints a particularly bleak picture for our nation’s children. The American Association of School Administrators (AASA) developed the Urgent Need Mini-Grant program in 2002 to help public school districts meet the urgent health, mental health, education, and social service needs that impact poor children and their families. Every day you see the kinds of hardships faced. And, as school administrators, you know how the smallest kindness can enhance a child’s life…make them feel good about themselves and more connected to school.

Last month, we all watched in horror as our neighbors – rich and poor – lost their schools, homes and sometimes their lives to Hurricane Sandy. Our colleagues are scrambling trying to repair damage, replace books and equipment and reopen schools. AASA has developed an exchange program that will help meet some of those needs. But the emotional aspect of Hurricane Sandy is even more devastating for children and families who have suffered so much.

This year, the AASA Urgent Need Mini-Grant will, through your membership and goodwill, provide funds to assist both children and families affected by Hurricane Sandy AND those children and families in school districts who need a leg up.

District Eligibility

- The Urgent Need Mini-Grant Program is open to all size public school districts in the U.S.
- The district superintendent must be an active AASA member and must sign the application.
- School districts who have received an Urgent Need Mini-Grant in the past are not eligible to receive another. This does not apply to those impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

Mini-Grant Criteria
Proposed activities should directly relieve hardship or offer special opportunities to individual children and families:

- The mini-grant cannot supplant district funds.
- The mini-grant cannot be used to support the salary of school district personnel.
- The mini-grant cannot be used for construction, equipment, furniture or supplies that stay at the school.
- Evidence of collaboration with other agencies in the community to help meet the needs is a plus.
- Administrative costs and district overhead may not be charged to the mini-grant.
Examples of Areas of Support
Below are broad categories of activities or services districts might choose to fund. *Please do not let this list limit your imagination.* Creativity counts and a little money can go a long way. Please let AASA know the good things you want to do for children and families impacted by the economy.

- Emergency food, clothing, shelter, supplies, furniture, or fuel
- Emergency transportation or child care
- Urgent medical or dental care
- Prescriptions, eyeglasses or hearing aids
- Enrichment or academic opportunities that could not otherwise be provided
- Other

Awards
Awards of $3,000 or less are available. Successful applicants will be notified immediately prior to the winter holidays. Below are past recipients of this mini-grant award.

- **2009** – $29,000 distributed to 16 school Districts
- **2006** – $20,000 distributed to 11 School Districts
- **2005** – $30,000 distributed to 13 School Districts
- **2004** – $17,000 distributed to 11 school Districts
- **2003** – $30,000 distributed to 16 school Districts
- **2002** – $50,000 distributed to 14 school Districts

To Apply
Respond to the three questions below and include an itemized budget. Your entire application can be no longer than four pages. Complete the application below and FAX with your budget request to:

AASA Urgent Need Mini-Grant Program
703-528-2146

Applications must be received by Noon (EST) Friday, January 18, 2013
AASA Urgent Need Mini-Grant Program

Application for Assistance

Superintendent Name ___________________________________________

Superintendent Signature __________________________ AASA Member # __________

Superintendent Email Address_____________________________________

School District __________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address_________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip ___________________________________________________________________

Person completing application (if not the superintendent)

Name__________________________________ Position _________________

Email ______________________________ Telephone ___________

1. Tell us about your school district, including enrollment and poverty data.

2. How would your district use an urgent need mini-grant?

3. Who would benefit and how would students be identified?