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LEWIS AND CLARK PROGRAM FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS

Kansas students have an opportunity to take a journey of discovery! This year the nation will begin a three-year commemoration period for the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition. The Kansas Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission in Kansas, with support from the state's educational, cultural, and arts organizations, has created a special school grant program to enable teachers to create enrichment learning activities about the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Twelve grants of \$1,000 each are being offered to develop educational school programs that reflect the relevance of Lewis and Clark and the work of the Corps of Discovery. This military and scientific expedition to the Pacific Ocean and back was a multicultural, interdisciplinary adventure. By actively engaging in the study of the people, geography, cultures, and scientific knowledge of the 1804-1806 journey, students will rediscover the past, better understand the present and prepare for the future

Any Kansas public school or U.S.D. entity, private schools and home schools may apply. The main beneficiaries for the grant funds are students in grades Kindergarten - 12.

The application deadline is May 30, 2003. The grant period is July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2005. To obtain an RPF, cover letter, and grant application visit www.lewisandclarkinkansas.com or Karen Brady at the Kansas Arts Commission at 785-296-3335, karen@arts.state.ks.us.