USEP-R is proud to announce that our $100.00 Innovative Grant program is alive and well. This year, we are offering a chance to win one of our four grants. We are awarding two grants from the Florida Education Association - Retired and two grants from our United School Employees of Pasco - Retired local. Any USEP member who can come up with a creative use of $100 that will benefit students can win. Our past entries have shown us what wonderful possibilities can be achieved with a bit of imagination. We have kept the Grant Application as simple as possible, and we keep tweaking as we go along. Any and all suggestions to improve our application are appreciated. This year we altered the form to improve response from those who were awarded the Grant. Please let us know if it helped or if more changes are indicated. We also hope that by us sending the note to thank those who did not win will encourage them to try again next year.

Statewide, FEA-R awards twenty $100.00 Innovative Grant every year, two to each one of our ten FEA-R districts. We share our district with Pinellas County. Three years ago, two USEP members won the grant and two years ago, one of the winners was from USEP. This year, we hope that we can award four $100.00 Innovative Grants to USEP members.

In addition to the two FEA-R $100.00 Innovative Grants, our USEP-R members decided that USEP should award two additional $100.00 Innovative Grants to our members and we wrote an AFT grant to cover the cost. The $100.00 innovative grant will be allocated to a USEP member for a project that will add to efficient and effective teaching and enhance student learning. This grant opportunity is open to all instructional and SRP USEP members. Please apply, applications are due in the USEP office by November 17, 2017. Send all applications to me.

Frank H. Roder
President, USEP-R

USEP-R/FEA-R/NEA-R/AFT-R/FLORIDA AFL-CIO