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CARE Grants, c/o Sophie Rheinheimer 5933 McAndrew Drive Oakland, CA 94611 **Deadline: September 16, 2011** Award announcement: October 14, 2011

Applicant Information Carol Edson Neal Ely/Ruth Hanna RLH Name of Manager/Supervisor Campus e-mail address cedson@laspositascollege.edu Campus phone number 925 424 1336 (or home phone if no campus phone is available) Division or Department Geology/MSEPS **Project Information** Name of project Clear boxes for Display Minerals Amount of grant funding requested \$400.00 (Maximum \$1,500) Expected date for completion of project December 2011 Who will be responsible for completion of the project? Carol Edson Description - Brief overview of project plan stating how grant funding will be used: These clear mineral display boxes will be used for showcasing donations of unique minerals including epidote, garnet, quartz and tourmaline. To preserve these fragile specimens, and allow hands-on use by students, we need to protect them. These sets of transparent lidded boxes will let us do that without diminishing the students ability to see the characteristics of each sample. See attached photo. We will have enough to supply the department for years as new specimens are acquired as well. Benefits - Please briefly explain how the project will improve service to the colleges in your area of work responsibility: Currently these unique specimens must be kept in locked cases or risk being destroyed inadvertently. Eager students underestimate the fragility of some beautiful samples. These clear boxes help prevent damage while making the samples available for students to hold and observe. Teaching science to nonscience majors is an on-going challenge. Engaging the reluctant science student can begin with something as simple as holding something they have never seen before. These protective boxes will help us foster these learning experiences. I agree to provide a one-paragraph outcome report to CARE at the completion of the project.



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