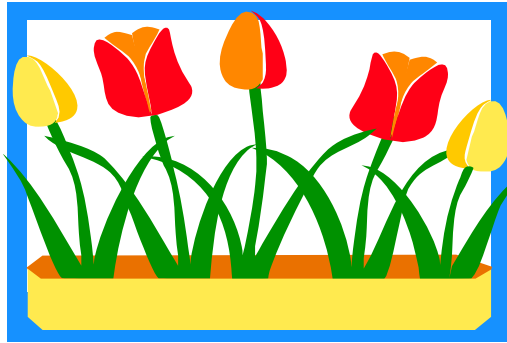


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(Funding Opportunities)



Teaching American History Grant Award

The U. S. Department of Education grant award program, *Teaching American History* is designed to raise student knowledge of American History by improving teachers' knowledge, understanding, and appreciation for traditional U.S. history.

The \$1,616,874 grant will provide professional staff development to 170 PISD history teachers at grades 5, 8, and 11. In collaboration with Texas A & M University's department of History, The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, Learners Online, and two library museums through The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, and the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, experts will provide thirty days of interactive, high quality, American history content training on significant individuals, their words and deeds, and events and documents during the time period of 1607-Present.

The grant will fund thirty days of training that will occur over a five year period, provide teachers with instructional materials and research based teaching strategies, and support teacher field research.

Texas Educator Excellence Award Grant, Cycle 3

Pasadena Independent School District was awarded 7 Texas Education Agency Texas Educator Excellence Award grants for five elementary schools, Sparks, Young, South Houston, Red Bluff, Kruse, one middle school Schneider, and one intermediate school Southmore.

The purpose of the Texas Educator Excellence grant is to provide a system of financial incentives to award educators who demonstrate the ability to achieve significantly higher levels of student academic achievement compared to the prior levels on criterion and norm reference tested subjects. The schools were chosen to participate based on their 2006-2007 high level of educationally disadvantaged students and a high level of academic achievement or growth in student achievement.

Each school has completed an extensive collaborative process with staff to design a program of incentive awards based on student academic achievement during the 2008-2009 school year. Beginning September 1, each participant, eligible for an incentive award, will strive for their students to reach the academic goals established by their school. If a teacher's students meet the academic goals and the teacher participates in collaborative instructional activities, he/she can be eligible for an incentive award ranging from \$3,000 - \$10,000 that will be distributed by October 15, 2009.

The Texas Education Agency requires the Board of Trustees to provide a vote of support to the schools incentive plans prior to giving the schools their awards and give the Superintendent of Schools, Kirk Lewis, the authority to submit the completed grant proposals.

The awards will provide these schools with a total of \$750,000 to provide their staff with incentive awards.

SPARK Park – Block Grant from Harris County

Former Houston City Council Member Eleanor Tinsley created SPARK in 1983 to transform public school grounds into neighborhood parks. SPARK combines the resources of federal funds, local school districts, Harris County funds, private sector funds, neighborhood group funds, PTA/PTO funds, and concerned citizen donations. The mutual participation and cooperation of all these entities is just one aspect that makes this program unique.

SPARK will guide Matthys Elementary staff through the process of designing their SPARK Park and support them as they build the park to serve the students of Matthys Elementary and the adjacent community.

The SPARK Park project is funded by a Community Development Block Grant of \$89,118 from a Harris County, an \$7,500 donation by HEB, \$8,000 raised by the Matthys Elementary Booster Club, a \$5,000 donation by LOWES, a \$5,000 grant from the Pasadena I.S.D. Education Foundation, a \$5,000 grant from Harris County Pct. 2 – Sylvia Garcia, and a \$5,000 grant from the Port of Houston for a total of \$124,618.

Cooperative After School Enrichment Program Grant Award

Two Pasadena ISD schools, Southmore Intermediate and Gardens Elementary schools have been awarded after school grants from Harris County Department of Education through its Cooperative After School Enrichment program (CASE). The grants to the schools are valued at approximately \$9,780.00. (Southmore) Spring program will consist of an after-school class in media production to train "master media" students once a week for 1.5 hours during the spring semester. Summer component students will meet at school for breakfast and travel to visit museums, NASA and area attractions around Harris and Galveston County. (Gardens) Students in the summer program will also participate in an arts based project, a photography assignment, and a final multi-media collage project provided by Art League of Houston. There will be a culminating exhibition for students and their families.

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The Grant Department brings the following descriptions of funding opportunities to you. If you would like to pursue applying for a grant, please contact Susan Bauer at 70038, Dr. Gregory Jones at 70865 or Janna Gibson at 70869 to coordinate the application process.

Education

Grant Title: Vision 2020 Grant

Organization: Texas Education Agency

Purpose: To provide funding for the Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN) through two strands: 1) Technology Immersion (TI) which provides high-need schools with the necessary resources to create a totally immersed campus or grade level; and 2) TxVSN funding which provides high-need schools with the necessary resources to provide online learning opportunities for students and/or teachers via the TxVSN.

Eligibility: High need local education agency (LEA) that serves at least 2,500 or 22% of children are from low income families. Applicants for TxVSN strand must: 1) serve grades 6-12; 2) have an eligible partnership which includes at least one high-need LEA and at least one of the following: a) an institution of higher education; b) a for-profit business that develops, designs, manufactures or produces technology productions or services or has substantial expertise in the application of educational technology instruction; or c) a public or private nonprofit organization with demonstrated expertise in educational technology instruction. An education service center is eligible to apply as fiscal agent of a shared services arrangement.

Amount Available: \$11 million; awards range from \$25,000 to \$500,000.

Number of Awards: 20-50

Application Information: Cut and paste web address below to your browser:

www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/archive/January252008/in-addition/in-addition.html#156 ;districts may apply for both strands, but may only receive funding for one strand; applicants must submit a separate application for each strand.

Deadline: May 1, 2008.

Contact: Linda Hello

Phone: 512-463-9269

Email: Linda.Hello@tea.state.tx.us

Source: www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg

Education

Grant Title: PAY IT FORWARD

Organization: The Pay It Forward Foundation

Purpose: Students have the opportunity to identify what they consider to be the challenges of their communities. They tackle such problems as homelessness, pollution, youth violence, literacy issues, the loneliness experienced by long-term hospital and nursing home patients, and the alienation of today's at-risk youth from the community. The Pay It Forward Foundation provides seed money for such worthwhile projects.

Eligibility: Schools, churches and community youth groups (with an adult sponsor) may apply for funding. Youths or adults may write the application. Groups whose members are all over the age of 18 must include work with youth under the age of 18 as part of their projects.

Application Information: <http://www.payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/Mini-Grant%20Application.pdf>

Amount Available: up to \$500

Deadline: Ongoing

Contact: <http://www.payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/grant.html>

Source: <http://www.payitforwardfoundation.org/educators/Mini-Grant%20Application.pdf>

Education

Grant Title: Challenge Grants

Organization: National Endowment for the Humanities

Purpose: To help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Awards are used to augment or establish endowments that support humanities activities in education, public programming, scholarly research, and preservation. Institutions may use the income from invested funds to meet ongoing humanities-related costs.

Eligibility: Public agencies, private nonprofit organizations or tribal governments; schools and school districts are not eligible to apply.

Amount Available: \$1 million; three to one cash match required.

Number of Awards: Not specified.

Deadline: May 1, 2008.

Contact: Email: challenge@neh.gov

Source: www.neh.gov

Education

Grant Title: Texas 21st Century Community Learning Centers Cycle 5

Organization: Texas Education Agency

Purpose: To establish or expand 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) that are highly effective and rigorous after-school programs. The 21st CCLC after-school program will assist students in meeting academic standards in core academic subjects and will provide families of student's opportunities for literacy and related educational development. Priority is given to applicants who propose sites at middle and high schools; and districts not previously funded in Cycles 1-4.

Eligibility: Local education agencies, including public school districts, open enrollment charter schools and regional education service centers; community-based or nonprofit organizations; and other public/private entities. Only one application per organization is allowed.

Amount Available: \$24 million; maximum award is \$100,000 per site, per year for three years (detailed award information in RFP concerning district size and number of sites in application). In years four and five, a 25% decrease in funds each year is mandatory; 10% in-kind or cash match is required annually.

Number of Awards: 25

Application Information: Copy and paste the following web address to your browser:

<http://burleson.tea.state.tx.us/GrantOpportunities/forms/GrantProgramSearch.aspx>

Deadline: April 17, 2008.

Contact: Vicki Logan

Phone: 512-463-9269

Email: vicki.logan@tea.state.tx.us

Source: www.tea.state.tx.us

Education

Grant Title: Go Overboard Challenge Grant

Organization: Burton Snowboards, Youth Ventures and Chen Headley

Purpose: To find the best youth-led ideas to change the world. Describe how your venture team, which could be your club or your entire school, will Go Overboard to help solve a pressing local, state or national problem.

Eligibility: A venture team must: 1) be youth created, -led and -managed; 2) be community benefiting; 3) be structured as a lasting organizations (meaning not just a one-time event); 4) involve at least two people, with clear, attainable goals and budget and the commitment to lead their venture; and 5) have at least one Ally, which is a supportive adult, who guides and encourages the team without taking control.

Amount Available: Not specified; up to \$1,000 per award.

Number of Awards: Not specified.

Application Information: www.burton.com/gobsite/ChallengeGrant.aspx

Deadline: May 1, 2008.

Contact: Phone: 866-923-9863 ext 707

Email: burton@youthventure.org

Source: www.burton.com

Education

Grant Title: Motorola Lincoln Awards

Organization: Motorola and Chicago History Museum

Purpose: To identify projects developed by U.S. civic, educational and cultural organizations that actively engage the public in the lessons from Lincoln's life. The grant program focuses on: 1) bringing history into the future - new technologies to educate students or their broader communities, particularly in civics, history and social studies or disciplines such as the fine arts. Preference is given to those integrating lessons from Lincoln's life; 2) engaging in current events - which support programs engaging young people or community members in national and local public policy issues and providing creative forums and innovative tools to facilitate debate and dialogue in the online and physical worlds; 3) leadership skills - which support organizations that are creating change of perceptions and actions in their communities with leadership programs for young people or the underserved that are based on collaboration, problem-solving and project management skills. Projects such as teacher training; curriculum design; speech competitions and debates; seminars; dance or music programs; community-based and library programs are encouraged.

Eligibility: Schools and school systems; community organizations; arts and culture organizations; museums; universities; and other nonprofit organizations with programming on diversity, freedom, history and leadership. Civil war battle reenactments are ineligible for funding.

Amount Available: Not specified; awards up to \$25,000.

Number of Awards: Not specified.

Deadline: July 30, 2008.

Contact: Not specified; must use the online contact system on the login page after applicant has created an account.

Source: www.motorola.com

Education

Grant Title: **Small Grants to Libraries: Soul of a People, Voices from the Writer's Project**

Organization: National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Library Association and Spark Media

Purpose: To enhance and strengthen the national impact of the Spark Media documentary, Soul of a People: Voices from the Writers' Project.

Eligibility: State, county or city/township governments; special district governments; independent school districts; public and state controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments; 501(c)(3) nonprofits; and private institutions of higher education.

Number of Awards: Not specified; award is \$2,500.

Application Information: Non specified.

Deadline: July 11, 2008.

Contact: Phone: 202-606-8269

Email: publicpgms@neh.gov

Source: www.neh.gov

Education

Grant Title: **Evaluating Districts' Readiness for Online Testing**

Organization: Texas Education Agency

Purpose: To study the feasibility and cost of converting the state assessment program to a computer based format.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations; institutions of higher education; for-profit organizations; local educational agencies; departments of education; and regional education service centers.

Amount Available: Non specified

Number of Awards: 1

Deadline: April 16, 2008.

Contact: Carla Morita

Email: carla.morita@tea.state.tx.us

Source: <http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us>

Education

Grant Title: **Challenge 20/20 Partnership Program**

Organization: Nationally Association of Independent Schools

Purpose: To develop globally based, experiential curricula and to build educational partnerships with schools around the world. Students form authentic bonds with students from across the globe as they learn first-hand about cross-cultural communication.

Eligibility: Public and private elementary and secondary schools located anywhere in the world. Partnerships may consist of two or three schools.

Amount Available: None specified.

Number of Awards: None specified.

Deadline: August 15, 2008.

Application Information: Copy and paste this address to your browser: <http://www.nais.org/resources/index.cfm?ItemNumber=147262>

Contact: Ioana Suciu

Phone: 202-973-9700

Email: suciu@nais.org

Source: www.nais.org

Education

Grant Title: Teacher Externship

Organization: Houston A+ Challenge and the Greater Houston Partnership

Purpose: To improve connections between the classroom and the workplace. Businesses work with Houston A+ to develop externship itineraries that expose teachers to the knowledge and skills students need to succeed in industry. Teachers use these experiences to create and deliver work relevant classroom lessons during the next school year.

Eligibility: Houston area teachers

Amount Available: \$800 to \$1000 stipend for work completed, June 9-13, 2008.

Number of Awards: 200

Deadline: April 18, 2008.

Applicant Information: www.houstonaplus.org/teacherextern.htm

Contact: Alejandro Morúa

Phone: 713-658-1881

Email: amorua@houstonaplus.org

Source: www.houstonaplus.org

Education

Grant Title: Learning & Leadership Grants

Organization: NEA Foundation

Purpose: Grants support public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education for one of the following two purposes:

- Grants to **individuals** fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research.
- Grants to **groups** fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment.

All professional development must improve practice, curriculum, and student achievement. "One-shot" professional growth experiences, such as attending a national conference or engaging a professional speaker, are discouraged. Decisions regarding the content of the professional growth activities must be based upon an assessment of student work undertaken with colleagues, and must be integrated into the institutional planning process. Grant funds may be used for fees, travel expenses, books, or other materials that enable applicants to learn subject matter, instructional approaches, and skills. Recipients are expected to exercise professional leadership by sharing their new learning with their colleagues.

Eligibility: Applicants must be practicing U.S.

- public school teachers in grades K-12,
- public school education support professionals, or
- faculty and staff at public higher education institutions.

Preference will be given to members of the National Education Association. The NEA Foundation **encourages grant applications from**

- teachers with less than seven years of experience in the profession
- education support professionals

Amount Available: The grant amount is **\$2,000** for individuals and **\$5,000** for groups engaged in collegial study.

Number of Awards: Not specified.

Application Information: http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/Learning&Leadership_Guidelines.htm

Deadline: Varies

Source: <http://www.neafoundation.org/grants.htm>

Education

Grant Title: Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth

Organization: National Endowment for the Arts

Purpose: To encourage children to celebrate and participate in their cultural inheritance and academic and social maturity through arts education experiences.

Eligibility: State, city, county or township governments, independent school districts, institutions of higher education and nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status.

Amount Available: Not specified; up to \$100,000 per award.

Number of Awards: Not specified.

Application Information: www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP09/LITA.html

Deadline: June 9, 2008.

Contact: Phone: 202-682-5700

Email: webmgr@arts.endow.gov

Source: www.nea.gov

Education

Grant Title: Campbell's Labels for Education

Organization: Campbell Soup Company

Purpose: To provide schools and organizations the opportunity to collect Campbell's labels and redeem them for a variety of products and merchandise from a catalog that is published every year.

Eligibility: K-12 public and private schools, licensed childcare centers, public libraries, religious educational centers and Head Start centers.

Amount Available: Variety of beneficial products and merchandise from the catalog.

Application Information: <http://www.labelsforeducation.com>

Deadline: June 1, 2007.

Contact: Campbell's Labels for Education

ATTN: Customer Service

P.O Box 3130

Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55745-3130

1-800-424-5331

Source: <http://www.campbellsoupcompany.com>

Education

Grant Title: Sprint Ahead for Education

Organization: Sprint Foundation

Purpose: To fund the purchase of resource materials, supplies, equipment and software that facilitates and encourages character education among K-12 students. Character Education proposals should promote youth leadership, youth volunteerism or school pride and a positive school culture. Examples include: 1) hosting a youth leadership conference; 2) character education teacher training; 3) community service/ service learning programs; and 4) school improvement projects to enhance school pride.

Eligibility: K-12 school districts and schools.

Amount Available: \$600,000; up to \$25,000 for a district and up to \$5,000 for a school.

Number of Awards: 24-30

Application Information: Cut and paste the following web address to your browser: www.sprint.com/citizenship/education/sprintahead

Deadline: April 15, 2008.

Contact: Email: education@sprint.com

Source: www.sprint.com

Education

Grant Title: *Save Our History*

Organization: The History Channel

Purpose: To support local history education in communities across America.

Eligibility: Museums, historic sites, historical societies, preservation organizations, libraries, and archives in collaboration with a local school or youth group.

Amount Available: \$100,000; up to \$10,000 per award.

Number of Awards: 10; in 2007, Austin Public Library, Terrazas Branch was awarded \$10,000; in 2006, Galveston County Historical Commission working with the La Marque Independent School District was awarded \$10,000.

Application Information: Cut and paste the following web address to your browser:

www.grantrequest.com/SID_457/Default.asp?CT=CT&SA=SNA&FID=35037

Deadline: June 6, 2008.

Contact: Email: info@saveourhistory.com

Source: www.history.com