

FOPs (Funding Opportunities)



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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: Texas Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (T-STEM) Academies - Startup Grants, Cycle 4

Organization: Texas Education Agency

Purpose: To increase student achievement by engaging and exposing students to innovative science and math instruction while simultaneously acting as demonstration sites to inform math and science teaching and learning statewide. Every academy will: 1) provide a rigorous, well-rounded education; 2) establish a personalized culture with the expectation that all students will achieve postsecondary success; and 3) provide teacher and leadership development. A TSTEM Academy shall: 1) be an autonomous school located on a stand-alone facility or sharing a facility with an existing school; 2) serve grades 6-12 or grades 9-12 with an active relationship with the feeder middle school(s); 3) be small, serving approximately one hundred students per grade; 4) be open enrollment, hosting lotteries for admission; 5) serve a student population of greater than forty percent economically disadvantaged students; 6) be located on a new campus or be located on a campus that exhibited characteristics that strongly correlate with high

school dropout rates including, but not limited to, high 9th grade retention rates during the 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school years; 7) not share a facility with a campus that received a rating of *Academically Unacceptable* under the state accountability rating system in 2006, 2007 or 2008; and 8) follow all requirements and indicators outlined in the RFA and in the T-STEM Academy Design Blueprint.

Eligibility: School districts and open-enrollment charter schools. Eligible school districts or open enrollment charter schools shall serve a student population of greater than forty percent economically disadvantaged students and shall have received a rating of *Exemplary*, *Recognized* or *Academically Acceptable* under the 2008 state accountability rating system. Special consideration or priority will be given to applicants that serve student populations of greater than fifty percent economically disadvantaged students. Eligible districts and schools shall also demonstrate how it will meet all of the requirements no later than the fall of 2009. Campuses receiving funding from TEA or the Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT) under any of the following grant programs are not eligible to receive funds under this grant program: a TEA Texas High School Redesign and Restructuring Grant, Cycle 3 or Cycle 4; a TEA or CFT Early College High School Grant; a TEA or CFT T-STEM Academy Grant; a CFT Redesigned High School Grant; or a CFT New Schools Grant.

Amount Available: \$3 million; awards are \$480,000 for campuses serving grades 9-12; and \$840,000 for campus serving Grades 6-12.

Number of Awards: 6

Deadline: October 16, 2008; October 2, 2008 (notice of intent).

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Source: www.sos.state.tx.us

Education

Grant Title: Accelerated Reading Instruction and Accelerated Math Instruction Grant

Organization: Texas Education Agency

Purpose: To provide intensive, targeted intervention programs for students in Grades K-8 who have been identified as at risk for mathematics or reading difficulties, including dyslexia during the 2008-2009 school year.

Eligibility: Public school districts and open enrollment charter schools that had the following: 1) grade 3 students who did not pass the 2008 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) reading portion during the first administration; and 2) grade 5 students who did not pass the 2008 TAKS math portion during the first administration.

Amount Available: \$1.2 million

Number of Awards: 1,144

Deadline: September 30, 2008.

Contact: Elaine Martinez

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Source: www.burleson.tea.state.tx.us

Education

Grant Title: 2008 Kids In Need Teacher Grants

Organization: Kids in Need Foundation

Purpose: The purpose of the grants is to provide funds for classroom teachers who have innovative, meritorious ideas. Your project may qualify for funding if it makes creative use of common teaching aids, approaches the curriculum from an imaginative angle, or ties nontraditional concepts together for the purpose of illustrating commonalities. Innovation and merit account for 40% of the evaluation.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a K-12 certified teacher working at a public, private, or parochial school in the subject of the project. Kids In Need does not fund pre-school projects.

Amount Available: \$100-\$500

Number of Awards: Multiple

Deadline: September 30, 2008.

Contact: <http://www.kidsinneed.net/grants/guidelines.php>

Education

Grant Title: 2009 Magna Awards

Organization: American School Board Journal, the National School Boards Association, and Sodexo School Services

Purpose: The Magna Awards is a national recognition program co-sponsored by American School Board Journal, the National School Boards Association, and Sodexo School Services that honors school board best practices and innovative programs that advance student learning.

Magna nominations are judged according to three enrollment categories (under 5,000 enrollment; 5,000-20,000 enrollment; and over 20,000 enrollment) with one Grand Prize Winner in each category. Each Grand Prize Winner receives a \$3,500 contribution from Sodexo School Services. There are five additional winners and five honorable mention winners within each enrollment category.

Eligibility: If you are nominating a program from a school district in the U.S., the district must be a member of your state school boards association to be eligible. The exceptions are districts in Nevada and West Virginia.

How many nominations can we send in?

There is no limit.

Amount Available: \$3,500 (3)

Number of Awards: 13

Deadline: October 15, 2008

Contact: <http://www.asbj.com/MainMenuCategory/Supplements/MagnaAwards/WhatIsMagna.aspx>

Education

Grant Title: Lowe's Toolbox for Education

Organization: Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation

Purpose: To help fund school projects that encourages parent involvement and build stronger community spirit. Priority is given to projects that have a permanent impact such as: facility enhancement (both indoor and outdoor); landscape and clean-up projects.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofits, public K-12 schools or parent groups associated with a public K-12 school.

Amount Available: \$5 million; awards up to \$5,000.

Number of Awards: 1,000

Deadline: October 17, 2008 or until 1,500 applicants are received.

Source: www.toolboxforeducation.com

Contact: E-mail: info@toolboxforeducation.com

Education

Grant Title: 2009 National Superintendent of the Year Program

Organization: American Association of School Administrators

Purpose: Now in its 22nd year, the National Superintendent of the Year Program pays tribute to the talent and vision of the men and women who lead our nation's public schools. This program is sponsored by ARAMARK Education, ING and AASA.

Eligibility: This program is open to all U.S. public school superintendents and superintendents of American schools abroad who plan to continue in the profession. Anyone may nominate a superintendent for this program. Most often, nominations come from a school board president, parent, community leader or another superintendent.

Nomination - Download the 2009 Superintendent of the Year Program brochure (PDF), which includes the nomination form (PDF).

Amount Available: \$10,000 scholarship

Number of Awards: 1

Deadline: September 30, 2008

Contact: <http://www.aasa.org/awards/content.cfm?ItemNumber=890>

Education

Grant Title: Pay It Forward Mini-Grants

Organization: Pay It Forward Foundation

Purpose: Pay It Forward Mini-Grants are designed to fund one-time-only service-oriented projects identified by youth as activities they would like to perform to benefit their school, neighborhood, or greater community. Projects must contain a "pay it forward" focus - that is, they must be based on the concept of one person doing a favor for others, who in turn do favors for others, with the results growing exponentially - to be considered in the grant making process.

Eligibility: Selection Committee members will score the applications based on:

Adherence to the Pay It Forward concept (explaining how the project's benefits will multiply exponentially); Your application will not be considered if there is not a clear demonstration of how the benefits will multiply exponentially. We receive many projects that simply state a positive impact. We do not denigrate them, but they are not Pay It Forward projects. Pay It Forward is: I do a favor with the understanding that those recipients will then "pay it forward" to 3 people each and that the 3 people will then "pay it forward" to 9 people, etc. If you are not familiar with the Pay It Forward concept, please read the book Pay It Forward or read one of the excerpts posted on this site before submitting a grant application.

Educational benefit to students/teachers

Integration of proposed project with school curriculum

Number of people impacted

Amount Available: up to \$500

Number of Awards: Multiple

Application Information: After completing the application, please e-mail it to: grants@payitforwardfoundation.com. Please put "grants" in the subject line.

ONLY EMAILED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Do not mail an application. Please submit in 1 file only. Files submitted in more than 1 file will be returned for resubmission.

Deadline: September 15, 2008

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

Education

Grant Title: Best Buy Teach Award Program

Organization: Best Buy

Purpose: Technology into the curriculum to engage students and make learning fun. As a company, Best Buy believes that when technology is used effectively it can inspire children and have a positive impact on their ability to learn.

The Best Buy Teach Award program recognizes creative uses of interactive technology in K-12 classrooms. Winning programs focus on kids using technology to learn standards-based curriculum, rather than on teaching students to use technology or educators using technology that children aren't able to use hands-on. The purpose of the Best Buy Teach Award program is to reward schools for the successful interactive programs they have launched using available technology. Please do not be discouraged from applying if your school does not have the most current equipment.

Eligibility: Accredited non-profit K-12 public, private, parochial, magnet and charter schools.

All schools must be non-profit.

All schools must be located in the United States or Puerto Rico.

Applications must be completed by educators who have been at the school for a minimum of one full academic year. Eligible educators' are certified teachers, specialists, and/or principals.

The program or project must have been in existence in the applying school for at least one full school year.

All questions on the application must be answered clearly and concisely.

Home schools, pre-K schools/programs, after-school programs, colleges, universities and vocational-technical schools are NOT eligible.

Amount Available: \$1000-\$10,000

Number of Awards: Multiple

Deadline: October 12, 2008

Contact: <https://bestbuyteach.scholarshipamerica.org/>

Education

Grant Title: Lois Lenski Covey Foundation Grants

Organization: Lois Lenski Covey Foundation

Purpose: The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation, Inc. is a charitable institute whose purpose is to assist organizations in their efforts to provide books to children who might otherwise lack access to children's literature.

Eligibility: The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation, Inc. annually awards grants to rural and urban, public and school libraries serving at-risk children. The Foundation gives priority to applications from libraries and agencies with real need and limited book budgets.

Amount Available: \$500-\$3000

Number of Awards: Several

Deadline: September 15, 2008

Contact: <http://www.loislenski Covey.org/>

Education

Grant Title: Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation Grants Program

Organization: Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation

Purpose: Our mission is to support educators in developing environmental curricula that integrate field activities and classroom teaching and that incorporate basic ecological principles and problem solving.

Eligibility: Consideration for funds from The Melinda Gray Ardia Environmental Foundation is available to everyone regardless of race, gender, religion, national origin, age, handicap, or sexual orientation.

Amount Available: \$1500

Number of Awards: Few

Deadline: September 27, 2008

Contact: <http://www.mgaef.org/index.html>

Education

Grant Title: Soccer Program and Fields Grant

Organization: US Soccer Foundation

Purpose: To support soccer projects and programs that develop players, coaches and referees in economically disadvantaged urban areas encompassing populations of 50,000. Supported projects include the cost associated with soccer teams and field renovation projects.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations; government agencies; schools; soccer organizations; institutions of higher education; faith-based organizations; and tribal organizations that have a soccer-specific program or field project that benefits a nonprofit purpose and meets the established focus for the 2009 grant cycle. In addition to satisfying criteria #1, a field project (including lighting) where the real property is owned at the time of registration or a minimum ten year lease/land use agreement is in place at the time of registration. In addition to satisfying criteria #1 and #2, lighting where the applicant has written authorization at the time of registration from the community where the project resides to add/use lights at the field.

Amount Available: None specified; \$1.4 million awarded in 2008.

Number of Awards: None specified; 50 awarded in 2008.

Deadline: October 15, 2008.

Contact: Beverly Holmes

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Source: www.ussoccerfoundation.org

Education

Grant Title: "Increase Your Green"

Organization: Do Something

Purpose: What you need to do:

Participants must make concrete efforts towards reducing the environmental impact of their school during the eight week competition. All initiatives must be youth designed and led. A representative from each group must submit an online report of the school or club's actions to save energy, reduce waste and raise awareness during the competition.

Eligibility: The competition is open to middle and high schools.

Amount Available: \$500-\$1500

Number of Awards: 4

Deadline: December 15, 2008

Contact: <http://www.dosomething.org/increaseyourgreen>

Education

Grant Title: Teacher Trust Fund

Organization: Airborne

Purpose: To help revive music and art programs that schools are unable to fund.

Eligibility: Public and private elementary and middle school teachers.

Amount Available: None specified; awards range from \$200 to \$10,000.

Number of Awards: None specified; 157 awarded in 2007.

Deadline: October 31, 2008.

Contact: [E-mail:](#) Click to send email.

Source: www.airbornetrust.com

Education

Grant Title: National Schools of Character Awards Program

Organization: National Education Partnership

Purpose: To honor schools as National Schools of Character (NSOC) for their outstanding work in character education, showcase their work and leadership in the field of character education.

Eligibility: Public and private K-12 schools that have been engaged in character education for a minimum of three full years, starting no later than December 2005; and school districts that have been engaged in character education for a minimum of four full years, starting no later than December 2004.

Amount Available: None specified; awards up to \$10,000.

Number of Awards: 10

Deadline: December 8, 2008.

Contact: Janie Stoodley

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Source: www.character.org

Education

Grant Title: Love Your Veggies

Organization: Hidden Valley® Salad Dressings in partnership with the School Nutrition Foundation and supported by Produce for Better Health Foundation.

Purpose: To support programs that help provide students with increased access to and consumption of fresh, healthy, foods; made available through an on-campus vegetable consumption program. Grant awards support elementary schools in developing a vegetable program, offering fresh produce to be implemented during the 2009-2010 school year.

Eligibility: Elementary schools serving children within grades K-6 (schools may serve additional grades); with an approved Local Wellness Policy in place as of July 1, 2006.

Amount Available: None specified; awards are \$15,000 each.

Application Information: 10

Deadline: November 7, 2008.

Contact: Phone: 1-800-644-3561 x208

Source: <http://loveyourveggiesgrants.org>

Education

Grant Title: The Michael Davis Music is Revolution Mini Grant

Organization: Music is Revolution Foundation

Purpose: To implement, support and/or improve their ability to provide quality music education for their students. Projects must clearly contain a musical focus based on the concept of musical education through experiences.

Eligibility: K-12 public school teachers.

Amount Available: None specified; awards are \$500 each.

Number of Awards: None specified.

Deadline: October 15, 2008.

Application Information: Enter website, then click on "mini grant application (PDF)" on the left side of the page.

www.musicisrevolution.org

Contact: Email: info@svengirly.com

Source: www.musicisrevolution.org

Education

Grant Title: Healthy Sprouts Awards

Organization: National Gardening Association (NGA)

Purpose: To support school and youth garden programs that teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the United States.

Eligibility: A school or organization that plans to garden in 2009 with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18.

Amount Available: None specified; five \$500 gift certificates; and fifteen \$200 gift certificates towards purchases at Gardener's Supply Company; NGA's "Eat a Rainbow Kit"; a literature package from NGA; and NGA supporter benefits for one year.

Number of Awards: 20

Application Information: <http://kids.garden.org/grantInquiry.php?grant=HS08>

Deadline: October 15, 2008

Contact: Phone: 800-538-7476

Email: donna@garden.org

Source: www.kidsgardening.com/healthysprouts.asp

Education

Grant Title: Improving Students Understanding of Geometry Grants for Grades K-8 Teachers

Organization: John and Stacey Wahl Fund and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)

Purpose: To develop activities that will enable students to better appreciate and understand some aspect of geometry that is consistent with the principles and standards for school mathematics of NCTM. Projects should include applications of geometry to: 1) art; 2) literature; 3) music; 4) architecture; nature; or other relevant areas.

Eligibility: K- 8 teachers who are current members of NCTM or teach at a school with a current membership (as of October 2008).

Amount Available: None specified; awards range up to \$3,000 each.

Number of Awards: None specified.

Application Information: www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=1324

Deadline: November 14, 2008.

Contact: Phone: 703-620-9840, ext. 2112

Email: exec@nctm.org.

Source: www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=1324

Education

Grant Title: 2009 Healthy Vision Community Awards

Organization: National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, U.S.A.

Purpose: To develop innovative and collaborative eye health education and promotion projects that have the potential for sustainability once funding ends. The Healthy Vision 2010 objectives address examinations and prevention, eye diseases, injury and safety and vision rehabilitation.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations; schools; faith-based organizations; civic organizations; fraternal groups; and local health departments and agencies.

Amount Available: None specified; awards up to \$10,000.

Number of Awards: None specified.

Deadline: August 29, 2008.

Contact: Sandra Townsend

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Source: www.healthyvision2010.org/news/hvca/

Education

Grant Title: Knight News Challenge

Organization: John S. and James L. Knight Foundation

Purpose: To improve local online news, deepen community engagement, bring Web 2.0 tools to local neighborhoods, develop publishing platforms and standards to support local conversations or innovate how to visualize, experience or interact with information. The foundation offers money to fund projects and support within a vibrant community of media, tech and community-oriented people who want to improve the world.

Eligibility: Nonprofit and for-profit organizations; companies; schools; and individuals. Eligible inventions must: 1) use or create digital, open source technology as the code base; 2) serve the public interest; and 3) benefit one or more specific geographic communities.

Amount Available: \$5 million.

Number of Awards: None specified; 17 projects were funded in 2008.

Deadline: November 1, 2008.

Contact: E-mail: newschallenge@knightfoundation.org

Source: www.newschallenge.org