

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, JoAnne Healy at 70868 or Janna Gibson at 70869 to coordinate the application process.

Education

Grant Title: Gulf Coast Ike Relief Fund

Organization: Gulf Coast Ike Relief Fund and Greater Houston Community Foundation

Purpose: To provide grant funds to organizations for direct support of immediate and short term needs of victims of Hurricane Ike.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations; public agencies; and governmental bodies that provide services to victims of Hurricane Ike in Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris and Jefferson Counties.

Amount Available: Not specified.

Number of Awards: Not specified.

Deadline: Not specified.

Contact: Phone: 713-333-2200

E-mail: GulfCoastIkeReliefFund@ghcf.org

Source: www.ghcf.org/GHCF-Grant-Disbursement-Guidelines.php

Education

Grant Title: Disaster Relief Programs for Hurricanes Gustav and Ike - Housing Disaster Relief Grant

Organization: The Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas

Purpose: To assist households and businesses affected by Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Ike through disaster relief programs. The program provides grants to income-qualified households affected by Hurricane Gustav or Hurricane Ike with the purchase, rehabilitation or reconstruction of owner-occupied housing.

Eligibility: Hurricane-affected households who are members of The Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas ([over 900 bank and credit union affiliates; click to view member institutions](#)) with an income at or below 120% of the [median income for the area average median income \(AMI\)](#). The assisted household must reside in a county/parish designated for Individual Assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a result of Hurricane Gustav on or after September 2, 2008 or Hurricane Ike on or after September 13, 2008.

Amount Available: \$1.75 million designated for Hurricane Gustav and \$1.75 designated for Hurricane Ike; awards range up to \$10,000 for households with income at or below 80% of AMI; awards range up to \$7,000 for households with income above 80% and at or below 120% of AMI.

Number of Awards: As many allowed, until all funds are exhausted.

Deadline: Applications are processed on a first-come, first served basis until all funds are exhausted.

Contact: Community Investment Department

Phone: 800-362-2944

Source: <http://fhlb.com/community/disaster.html>

Education

Grant Title: The Alibris Collection Award

Organization: Alibris

Purpose: To help provide materials for libraries with replacement projects, retrospective collection development projects or routine collection building needs.

Eligibility: Academic, public, special and K-12 school libraries.

Amount Available: Not specified; awards range up to \$3,000 worth of books.

Number of Awards: Not specified.

Deadline: December 1, 2008.

Posted Date: Not specified.

Contact: Phone: 877-254-2747

E-mail: libraries@alibris.com

Source: www.alibris.com/librarians/collection_award.cfm

Education

Grant Title: NASA First Robotics Competitions

Organization: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Purpose: To provide students with the opportunity to use their minds to accomplish an incredible task: starting with a bunch of unrelated parts and the ideas that exist only in the minds of their team members and then creating a functioning robot in only six weeks. NASA is offering two types of sponsorship: Regional Challenge and Program Growth.

Eligibility: Schools and teachers; First Robotic Competition teams are grouped into three categories - "rookie", "second-year" and "veteran."

Amount Available: \$1,020,000; \$6,000 each team to cover the registration costs for the team to attend one Regional Competition event and partial costs of constructing the robot.

Number of Awards: 170; 70 Regional Challenge Grants; 100 Program Growth Grants.

Deadline: October 20, 2008.

Contact: E-mail: frc-grants@mail.arc.nasa.gov

Source: <https://frc-grants.arc.nasa.gov/directions.php>

Education

Grant Title: AIAA: Classroom Grants

Organization: American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics

Purpose: To assist educators in presenting mathematics, science, and technology principles to K-12 students in an exciting, hands-on manner. Preference is given to grants that align with the AIAA mission: AIAA advances the state of aerospace, engineering and technical leadership.

Eligibility: AIAA Educator Associate K-12 teachers - a K-12 teacher who develops or applies science, mathematics and technology in their curriculum.

Amount Available: Up to \$200 per individual request to supplement a learning program. Each school is limited to up to \$1,000 per calendar year.

Number of Awards: Not specified.

Deadline: Applications accepted quarterly. Next cycle: November 30, 2008.

Contact: E-mail: noram@aiaa.org

Source: <http://www.aiaa.org>

Education

Grant Title: Veterans of Foreign Wars' National Citizenship Education Teachers' Award

Organization: Veterans of Foreign Wars'

Purpose: To recognize the nation's top elementary, junior high and high school teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history and traditions.

Eligibility: K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 teachers; 1,000 teachers from every state, the District of Columbia and overseas.

Amount Available: \$1,000 cash award for professional development; \$1,000 award for each winning teacher's school; and plaques for both the winning teacher and school.

Number of Awards: Not specified.

Deadline: November 1, 2008.

Contact: Phone: 512-834-8535

E-mail: roy@texasvfw.org

Source: <http://www.vfw.org>

Education

Grant Title: Improving Students' Understanding of Geometry

Organization: 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.

Eligibility: Grades K-8 teachers who are a current (as of October 15, 2008) [Full Individual](#) or [E-Member](#) of NCTM or teach at a school with a current (as of October 15, 2008) [NCTM K-8 school membership](#).

Amount Available: Up to \$3,000 each.

Number of Awards: Not specified.

Deadline: Postmarked November 14, 2008.

Contact: Phone: 512-834-8535

E-mail: roy@texasvfw.org

Source: <http://www.vfw.org>

Education

Grant Title: The Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy

Organization: Phil Mickelson and ExxonMobil.

Purpose: To increase students' learning and appreciation of math and science by training teachers fun math and science experiments during summer camp, to share with students in the classroom. The experiments seem like games but they help everyone learn about math and science.

Eligibility: Third through fifth grade teachers in the United States.

Amount Available: Attendance (including travel expense) to The Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy.

Number of Awards: 100

Deadline: October 31, 2008

Contact: Matt Motley

E-mail: mmotley@webershandwick.com

Source: www.sendmyteacher.com/index.html

Education

Grant Title: Goody's Good Deeds for Schools

Organization: Goody's and Ashley Judd

Purpose: To help local schools pay for the things they really need but can't afford through regular education funding.

Eligibility: K-12 schools and schools' affiliated organizations and sponsors in markets where Goody's stores are located. (Houston's metro area store is located in Conroe, Texas and Atlanta's metro area has [several stores](#)).

Amount Available: \$500,000; awards are \$10,000 each.

Number of Awards: 50

Deadline: November 1, 2008.

Contact: Phone: 877-784-3030

E-mail: gooddeeds@gdys.com

Source: www.goodysgooddeeds.com/

Education

Grant Title: State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Grants 2009

Organization: State Farm Foundation and Youth Service America

Purpose: To support teachers and service-learning coordinators in engaging students (ages 5-25) to implement service learning projects for Global Youth Service Day, April 24-26, 2009. The program encourages semester-long projects that are launched on Martin Luther King Day (January 19, 2009) and extended through Global Youth Service Day.

Eligibility: Applicants must meet the following requirements: 1) be a resident of the 50 states or the District of Columbia or the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Ontario and New Brunswick; 2) be a teacher or professor who currently teaches in a public, private, faith-based, charter or higher education institution within the 50 states, the District of Columbia or the Canadian provinces above; or 3) be a school-based service learning coordinator, whose primary role is to coordinate service-learning projects in a school or university as described above.

Amount Available: \$100,000; awards range up to \$1,000 each.

Number of Awards: 100

Deadline: October 15, 2008.

Contact: Phone: 202-296-2992

E-mail: GoodNeighbor@ysa.org

Source: <http://servenet.org/>

Education

Grant Title: United Way Community Building Grants Cycle IV

Organization: United Way of Greater Houston

Purpose: To support community building through innovative projects that will make a difference in the community. Project examples include: 1) refurbishing a playground; 2) sponsoring a community workshop; 3) cleaning up a dilapidated lot; 4) painting a community center; or 5) creating a public art project.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations in Harris, Fort Bend, Montgomery or Waller Counties. This may include: neighborhood organizations; civic groups; scouting troops; schools; churches; fraternal organizations; arts groups; clubs; volunteer initiatives; membership organizations; and other similar groups.

Amount Available: Not specified; awards range from \$500 up to \$5,000 each.

Number of Awards: Not specified.

Application Information: Mandatory applicant conference held on October 17, 2008, from 2 - 4 p.m. at United Way, 50 Waugh Dr. Houston, TX 77007.

Deadline: October 27, 2008.

Contact: E-mail: communitybuildinggrants@unitedwayhouston.org

Source: <http://nonprofitconnection.unitedwayhouston.org/>

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: Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program

Organization: Institute of Museum and Library Services

Purpose: To develop faculty and library leaders; to recruit and educate the next generation of librarians; to conduct research on the library profession; and to support early career research on any area of library and information science by tenure-track, untenured faculty in graduate schools of library; and information science. The purpose is also to attract high school and college students to consider careers in libraries; to build institutional capacity in graduate schools of library and information science; and to assist in the professional development of librarians and library staff.

Eligibility: All types of libraries except federal and for-profit libraries. Match requirements are fifty percent of total project costs. Funds requested for student support and for research projects are not subject to match requirements.

Amount Available: None specified; awards range from \$50,000 up to \$1 million for 3 to 4 years.

Number of Awards: 50

Deadline: December 15, 2008.

Contact: Kevin Cherry

Phone: 202-653-4662

E-mail: kcherry@imls.gov

Source: www.imls.gov/applicants/

Education

Grant Title: Texas High School Project Exemplar Program

Organization: Texas Education Agency

Purpose: To showcase and support existing secondary school design programs associated with increased student performance in schools serving high-need student populations. The Exemplar Program serves as a conduit for sharing best practices and documenting recommended steps for replication, including lessons learned.

Eligibility: Schools; school districts; non-profit organizations; and higher education institutions.

Amount Available: \$510,000; awards are \$51,000 each.

Number of Awards: 10

Deadline: November 14, 2008.

Contact: Susan Henderson

Phone: 214-750-4122

E-mail: shenderson@cftexas.org

Source: www.thsp.org/Exemplar09

Education

Grant Title: Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants Program

Organization: Department of Agriculture

Purpose: To: 1) enhance curricula in agricultural education; 2) increase faculty teaching competencies; 3) trigger young people's interest in pursuing higher education to prepare for scientific and professional careers in the food and agricultural sciences; 4) promote the incorporation of agriscience and agribusiness subject matter into other instructional programs, particularly classes in science, business and consumer education; 5) facilitate joint initiatives by the grant recipient with other secondary schools, institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations supporting agriscience and agri-business education; 6) maximize the development and use of resources to improve agriscience and agribusiness education; 7) support other initiatives designed to meet local, state, regional or national needs related to promoting excellence in agri-science and agribusiness education; and 8) support current agriculture programs in the classroom of grades K-12.

Eligibility: Public secondary schools; public or private nonprofit junior and community colleges; institutions of higher education; and nonprofit organizations. Applicants are required to match awarded funds dollar-for-dollar from non-federal sources.

Amount Available: \$1 million; awards range from \$35,000 up to \$50,000.

Number of Awards: Not specified.

Deadline: December 15, 2008.

Contact: Gregory Smith

Phone: 202-720-1973

E-mail: SPEC@csrees.usda.gov

Source: www.csrees.usda.gov/

Education

Grant Title: Best Buy Teach Award Program

Organization: Best Buy

Purpose: To help schools purchase technology products to expand or enhance their technology programs by recognizing and rewarding schools that use interactive technology in the classroom to engage students and make learning fun.

Eligibility: Accredited, nonprofit K-12 public, private, parochial and charter schools within the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

Amount Available: Best Buy gift cards valued at \$2 million; awards range from \$1,000 (valued Best Buy gift cards) up to \$10,000 (valued Best Buy gift cards).

Number of Awards: Not specified.

Deadline: October 31, 2008.

Contact: Phone: 800-746-7287

E-mail: Teach@BestBuy.com

Source: www.bestbuyinc.com/community_relations/teach_awards.htm

Education

Grant Title: *CVS Community Grants*

Organization: CVS Caremark Charitable Trust

Purpose: To support: 1) programs targeting children with disabilities; 2) programs focusing on health and rehabilitation services; 3) public schools promoting a greater level of inclusion in student activities and extracurricular programs; and 4) initiatives providing greater access to physical movement and play.

Eligibility: Public schools; and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that are located within a state where CVS/pharmacy stores are located. Applicants must complete an eligibility quiz.

Amount Available: Not specified; awards range up to \$5,000 each.

Number of Awards: Not specified.

Deadline: October 31, 2008.

Contact: Phone: 800-746-7287

E-mail: communitymailbox@cvs.com

Source: www.cvscaremark.com/community/our-impact/community-grants

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

Phone: 202-296-7743 ext. 15

E-mail: jstoodley@character.org

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: Verizon Tech Savvy Awards

Organization: Verizon Foundation, the National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL) and Former First Lady of Iowa Christie Vilsack

Purpose: To recognize outstanding educational programs that demystify technology for parents so that they may better support their child's academic and social growth in an increasingly complex 21st century.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations; libraries; and schools. Religious or sectarian organizations may apply only if the program(s) offered serve a broad cross-section of the community.

Amount Available: \$45,000; awards are \$5,000 each; with the exception of one award of \$25,000.

Number of Awards: 5 (4 regional and 1 national).

Deadline: December 12, 2008.

Contact: Phone: 502-584-1133

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

Source: www.familit.org/site/c.gtJWJdMQIsE/b.2180327/

Education

Grant Title: Intensive Technology - Based Academic Intervention Pilot Program, Cycle 2

Organization: Texas Education Agency

Purpose: To develop programs to provide intensive technology based supplementary instruction in English language arts, mathematics, science or social studies to students in grades 9 through 12 identified as being at risk of dropping out of school, as defined by TEC §29.081(d). Technology-based supplementary instruction is defined as primarily computer based software programs designed to enhance students' learning of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) found in the 9-12 foundation curriculum. Learning opportunities may occur outside of the regular classroom instructional model, although they are guided by the teacher's assessment of student need. Applicants must design an instructional technique and technology based program with scientifically-based research regarding college and workforce readiness that serves a minimum of 100 students and a maximum of 2,500 students. This grant starts March 1, 2009 and ends May 31, 2011.

Eligibility: LEAs; open enrollment charter schools; and shared services arrangements (SSA) of school districts or open enrollment charter schools that meet all eligibility requirements for the program. Forty-five percent or more students in districts must have been identified as economically disadvantaged for each of the three preceding school years (2007-2008, 2006- 2007, and 2005-2006). The list of school districts and open enrollment charter schools that are eligible to apply are posted online at the [TEA Grant Opportunities website](#). Grant award must be matched dollar for dollar by the school district from other federal, state or local funds.

Amount Available: \$1 million; awards range from \$5,000 to \$125,000 (up to \$50 per student).

Number of Awards: 30

Deadline: November 13, 2008

Contact: Rebecca Schroeder

Phone: 512-463-9269

E-mail: rebecca.schroeder@tea.state.tx.us

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: 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