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**Grant Development Newsletter/Opportunities Listing for May**

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**To :** everyone <everyone@philasd.org>

All,

I am pleased to share another issue of the Office of Grant Development newsletter, which features a curated list of grant opportunities for which individual teachers, schools and/or community partners may apply. Formal central office "approval" to apply for any of these grants is not needed, but it is very important that you communicate with your principal about any resources you are hoping to bring into your school. We strongly encourage you to contact us in the Office of Grant Development if you are considering applying for a grant. Our team of experienced grant-writers can help you by discussing strategy or reviewing drafts. You can also email me directly (my contact info is below, hitting "reply" to this email will not work), or click [here](#) to contact us via our website.

I hope everyone receiving this is staying safe and healthy. Good luck to everyone pursuing grants on behalf of Philadelphia public schools!

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- <https://fundamentals.thefundsdp.org/>!

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## OGD Newsletter: May 2020 Issue

*Funders may change their mission, strategy, and target recipients at any time and many funders have stopped accepting proposals during the pandemic. The OGD has reviewed all of the opportunities to ensure that all are still accepting applications as*

*of April 27 and are appropriate for our audience; however, it is possible that changes were made after our review. Please be sure to carefully review the funder's policies and practices before beginning any application and reach out to OGD with any changes you find.*

## UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITY DEADLINES MAY - JULY 2020

### OPPORTUNITY: Dollar General: Youth Literacy Grants

- 1. Due Date:** Deadline for proposals is May 21.
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** Schools and nonprofit organizations who help students who are below grade level or having trouble reading are eligible to apply. Must be located within a state that Dollar General Corporation operates in and that is within 15 miles of a Dollar General store.
- 3. Purpose:** Grant funding is provided to assist in the following areas: implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs; purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives; and purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs.
- 4. Estimated Range of Awards:** Up to \$4000
- 5. Website:** <https://www.dgliteracy.org/#youth-literacy-grants>

### OPPORTUNITY: NoVo SEL in Action Awards

- 1. Due Date:** May 29\*
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** Pre-K-12 teachers, counselors, social workers, administrators and other school-based staff
- 3. Purpose:** NoVo SEL in Action Awards support school-based educators fostering social and emotional skills in the classroom or at their school in compelling, fresh, or imaginative ways. They seek applications that will create places, environments and practices that value belonging, well-being, tolerance, compassion, listening, non-violence, inclusiveness, working productively together, and restoring relationships and repairing harm. Examples can include interventions, instructional practices and classroom and/or school community supports focused on improving competencies such as perseverance, learning mindsets, compassion, self-management, sense of belonging, etc.
- 4. Estimated Range** Up to \$7000. A total of 100 grants will be awarded. They will award a

**of Awards:** small, select number of 2-year grants.

**5. Website:** <https://education-first.com/sel-in-action-awards/>

**6. Other Info:** With the closing of schools nationwide to slow the spread of COVID-19, the deadline has been extended to May 29. If you would like to open your submitted application back up to allow you to edit, please email [SELinAction@education-first.com](mailto:SELinAction@education-first.com).

## ONGOING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### **OPPORTUNITY:** The Awesome Foundation

**1. Due Date:** Ongoing - every other month on the second Tuesday

**2. Eligible Applicants:** Everyone

**3. Purpose:** Awesome projects include initiatives in a wide range of areas including arts, technology, community development, and more. Many awesome projects are novel or experimental, and evoke surprise and delight. Awesome sometimes challenges and often inspires.

**4. Estimated Range of Awards:** \$1000 grants for 2 winners

**5. Website:** <https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/philadelphia>

### **OPPORTUNITY:** Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation

**1. Due Date:** Ongoing

**2. Eligible Applicants:** Schools and 501 (c)(3)s

**3. Purpose:** Our mission is to inspire and enable high-poverty youth to participate in sports.

**4. Estimated Range of Awards:** Maximum request \$25,000

**5. Website:** <https://www.sportsmatter.org/funding/>

### **OPPORTUNITY:** Good Sports Equipment Grants

**1. Due Date:** Ongoing

**2. Eligible Applicants:** Schools and Athletic programs

- 3. Matching Funds:** 5% of the value of goods donated
- 4. Purpose:** Good Sports gives all kids the lifelong benefits of sport and physical activity by providing equipment, apparel and footwear to those most in need.
- 5. Estimated Range of Awards:** Equipment
- 6. Website:** <https://www.goodsports.org/apply/>
- 7. Other Info:** Live application that requires district information. Please contact OGD for assistance.

**OPPORTUNITY:** Justin J. Watt Foundation

- 1. Due Date:** Ongoing based on athletic season
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** Afterschool sports programs running from 3- 5pm for youth 6th-8th grades. Must have a secure place to store uniforms and equipment they support.
- 3. Purpose:** Seeks to provide after-school opportunities for middle school-aged children in the community to become involved in athletics by funding re-usable equipment and uniforms.
- 4. Estimated Range of Awards:** Varies
- 5. Website:** <http://jjwfoundation.org/request-funds/>

**OPPORTUNITY:** Karma for Cara Foundation Grants

- 1. Due Date:** Quarterly - January 1; April 1; July 1; October 1
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** Students 18 years of age and under
- 3. Purpose:** We fund microgrant applications supporting a wide variety of projects and events; evidence of your creativity and ingenuity only serves to fuel the likelihood that your application will be successfully funded.
- 4. Estimated Range of Awards:** Between \$250 and \$1,000
- 5. Website:** <https://karmaforcara.org/apply-for-a-microgrant>
- 6. Other Info:** This application may include school-based projects, such as school gardens and playgrounds.

**OPPORTUNITY:** Lovett Fund for Elementary Drama

- 1. Due Date:** Rolling basis, beginning in August of each school year
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** Elementary Educators. *Application should be filled out by the adult in charge of the program (preferably the director of the play).*
- 3. Purpose:** Funding is available for production of plays and musicals performed by elementary school students (grades 1–5) in a school program. *Note: Foundation only accepts hard-copy mailed applications*
- 4. Estimated Range of Awards:** \$300
- 5. Website:** <http://lovettfoundation.org/apply.html>

**OPPORTUNITY:** Teaching Tolerance: Classroom-level Grants

- 1. Due Date:** Ongoing
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** K-12 educators in public or private schools as well as in alternative schools, therapeutic schools and juvenile justice facilities
- 3. Purpose:** At Teaching Tolerance, we support educators who embrace and embed anti-bias principles throughout their schools. The Teaching Tolerance Educator Grants, will further our mission by supporting projects that promote affirming school climates and educate youth to thrive in a diverse democracy. Successful projects have helped educators promote empathy and kindness, positive identity development, perspective taking, critical thinking about injustice and collective action. They have offered educators the resources necessary to create safe and welcoming classrooms that reflect the outcomes described in Teaching Tolerance’s Social Justice Standards. Preference is given to projects that emphasize student action and promote student voice.
- 4. Estimated Range of Awards:** Up to \$5000
- 5. Website:** <https://www.tolerance.org/educator-grants>

**OPPORTUNITY:** Toshiba America Foundation

- 1. Due Date:** Ongoing
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** Teachers of grades 6-12
- 3. Purpose:** Toshiba America Foundation (TAF) grants fund the projects ideas and

materials teachers need to innovate in their science, technology, engineering and math classrooms. TAF is interested in funding innovative projects designed by teachers or small teams of teachers for use in their own schools and classrooms. Applications must be for project based learning. They do not consider requests solely for computers. Summer programs, after-school projects, and independent study projects are not eligible for funding.

**4. Estimated Range of Awards:** Applications for up to \$5,000 are due 6/1, 9/1, 12/1, 3/1. Applications for grants of more than \$5,000 are due 5/1 and 11/1.

**5. Website:** <http://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp>

**OPPORTUNITY:** Victor C. Clark Youth Incentive Program

**1. Due Date:** Ongoing

**2. Eligible Applicants:** High school radio clubs, youth groups, and general-interest radio clubs that sponsor subgroups of young people

**3. Purpose:** The ARRL Foundation's objective is providing support for the development of Amateur Radio among high-school age (or younger) youth. Funded by endowment and contributor support, the Program makes mini-grants available to groups that demonstrate serious intent to promote participation in Amateur Radio by youth.

**4. Estimated Range of Awards:** Maximum request \$1000

**5. Website:** <http://www.arrl.org/the-victor-c-clark-youth-incentive-program>

**OPPORTUNITY:** YSA Young Hero Award

**1. Due Date:** Ongoing

**2. Eligible Applicants:** Young people, ages 5-25, who are improving their communities through service to others and making significant progress in achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

**3. Purpose:** Projects can provide a direct service, be philanthropic or raise awareness or advocacy around a particular community need. The chosen youth may have a project that is developed in or outside of the classroom, in conjunction with an organization or religious institution or it can be an initiative or organization started by the youth.

**4. Estimated Range of Awards:** \$250 grant to continue the service work

**5. Website:** Nomination Form at <http://ysa.org/awards/eyh/>

## SCHOOL-BASED STAFF ONLY: DONORSCHOOSE ANNOUNCEMENTS & MATCH OFFERS

In response to school closures due to coronavirus, DonorsChoose is introducing **Distance Learning Projects** in early May. Teachers will be able to ship materials funded through a DonorsChoose project to a single location of choice; they will not ship one project directly to multiple students. Please note that this new delivery option does not apply to current projects. [Review the full guidelines to start planning your Distance Learning Project.](#)

Make sure to check out this month's [DonorsChoose Match Offers for Pennsylvania.](#)

*\*To find the page online, search "DonorsChoose Match Offers" in your browser. Remember to select PA to see offers available in our area.*

## CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

We love to hear about what our teachers and schools are up to. When promoting your DonorsChoose projects and other fundraising accomplishments, tag us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter at @SDP\_Grants.

If you or your school do not have social media accounts, contact us and we will post your projects on ours.

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