

## January 2021 Grant Opportunity Newsletter

### SDP Office of Grants Development

Letter from Mike Sonkowsky:

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.

Good luck to everyone pursuing grants on behalf of Philadelphia public schools!

Mike

#### **CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

*NOTE: 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 January 3rd 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.*

**OPPORTUNITY: JAMS Foundation/Association for Conflict Resolution Initiative for Students and Youth**

- 1. Due Date:** **January 11th for Letters of Intent**
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** **Schools, 501c3s**
- 3. Purpose:** Proposed projects should help to increase participants' feelings of safety and empowerment during this exceptionally challenging time by utilizing young people as trainers and program implementers to teach and promote conflict resolution skills that create and enhance their ability to express their voices in one of the following settings:
  - foster care
  - homeless shelters
  - domestic violence shelters
  - youth correctional facilities
- 4. Estimated Range of Awards:** \$15,000 - \$40,000
- 5. Website:** <https://www.jamsadr.com/acr/>

**OPPORTUNITY: The McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation**

- 1. Due Date:** Applications accepted starting January 15 until April 15, **OR** until 350 apps have been received, whichever occurs first, regardless of date.
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** K-12 Educators
- 3. Purpose:** The Foundation provides both academic enrichment grants and teacher development grants. The Foundation sponsors proposals that enhance student learning and educational quality, paying particular attention to those that best serve the at-risk and under-funded, including: curriculum that excites and challenges; inquiry projects that promote reflection and growth; and after-school programs that enrich and inspire. The Foundation partners with individuals to expand educational opportunities

for America's youth that inspire students by nurturing their curiosity about the world and their place in it.

- 4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** Up to \$10,000 per year for three consecutive years
- 5. **Website:** <https://mccartheydressman.org/>

**OPPORTUNITY: Captain Planet Foundation EcoTech Grant**

- 1. **Due Date:** **January 15th**
- 2. **Eligible Applicants:** **Schools, 501c3s**
- 3. **Purpose:** To combat the notion that students need to choose between “the screen” or “the green” and to encourage educators and students to explore the role technology can play in designing and implementing solutions to some of our most pressing environmental challenges.
- 4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** \$2,500
- 5. **Website:** <https://captainplanetfoundation.org/grants/ecotech/>

**OPPORTUNITY: Christopher Ludwick Foundation Grants**

- 1. **Due Date:** **January 15th**
- 2. **Eligible Applicants:** **Schools**
- 3. **Purpose:** The Foundation funds direct educational instruction and enrichment in academic subjects and the arts specifically for students in grades K-12. Program content should be coordinated with the curriculum of the School District of Philadelphia.
- 4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** \$2,500 – \$5,000

5. **Website:** <https://www.ludwickfoundation.org/apply.htm>

**OPPORTUNITY: American Counseling Association Grants**

1. **Due Date:** **January 15th, 2021**
2. **Eligible Applicants:** **Counselors who are members of the American Counseling Association**
3. **Purpose:** In response to the double pandemic of COVID-19 and systemic racism that our nation is combatting today, the ACA Foundation is able to provide up to ten awards for \$500 for the January 2021 grant cycle. Grant proposals related to the eradication of systemic racism and/or support for professional counselors who are working with clients impacted by racism, oppression, discrimination, and COVID-19 related proposals will be prioritized.
4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** \$500
5. **Website:** <https://www.counseling.org/news/updates/2020/11/19/apply-now-american-counseling-association-foundation-seeks-proposals-for-spring-2021-grants>

**OPPORTUNITY: American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Teaching Grants**

1. **Due Date:** **January 15th**
2. **Eligible Applicants:** **Teachers who are AIAA Associate Members**
3. **Purpose:** To support projects with a clear connection to science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) with an emphasis on Aerospace.
4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** \$500

5. **Website:** <https://www.aiaa.org/get-involved/students-educators/aiaa-foundation-classroom-grant-program>

**OPPORTUNITY: American Honda Foundation Grants**

1. **Due Date:** February 1st
2. **Eligible Applicants:** Schools, 501c3s
3. **Purpose:** The American Honda Foundation engages in grant making that reflects the basic tenets, beliefs and philosophies of Honda companies, which are characterized by the following qualities: imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic and innovative. We support youth education with a specific focus on the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects in addition to the environment.
4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** \$20,000 – \$75,000
5. **Website:** <https://www.honda.com/community/applying-for-a-grant>

**OPPORTUNITY: Snapdragon Book Foundation Library Grants**

1. **Due Date:** February 15th
2. **Eligible Applicants:** Schools
3. **Purpose:** The Snapdragon Book Foundation was started in December, 2008 to provide funds to improve school libraries for disadvantaged children. Grants will be awarded to public, private, and experimental schools. Founded by a former school librarian, this foundation exists to put books in the hands of kids. In a time when many schools are reallocating their funds to technology and audiovisual equipment, we hope to make sure that school libraries are still offering children good books to read.
4. **Estimated Range** Varies

**of Awards:**

5. **Website:** <http://snapdragonbookfoundation.org/application/>

**OPPORTUNITY: Children's Fund of School Psychology (CFSP) Grants**

1. **Due Date:** **Rolling**
2. **Eligible Applicants:** **School Psychologists who are CFSP members**
3. **Purpose:** Various grants for support of disaster relief mental health, children's basic needs / mental health practitioners, and community service programs.
4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** **Up to \$500, varies**
5. **Website:** <https://www.childrensfundofschoolpsychology.org/grants>

**OPPORTUNITY: Whole Kids Foundation Garden Grant Program**

1. **Due Date:** **Opens February 15th, closes March 31st**
2. **Eligible Applicants:** **Schools, 501c3s**
3. **Purpose:** To aid schools and non-profit organizations in turning outdoor spaces into powerful hands-on learning gardens that connect kids with food, spark their curiosity and support classroom curriculum. Kids who grow veggies, eat veggies, so school gardens can make a big difference.
4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** **\$3,000**
5. **Website:** <https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/programs/school-gardens-grant>

**OPPORTUNITY: Clif Bar Family Foundation Grants**

- 1. Due Date:** February 1st
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** 501c3s
- 3. Purpose:** Funding priority given to projects that protect earth's beauty and bounty, create a robust, healthy food system, increase opportunities for outdoor activity, reduce environmental health hazards, and/or build stronger communities. Projects must operate with clearly defined objectives, demonstrate strong community ties, and promote positive change through both the projects and their implementation process.
- 4. Estimated Range of Awards:** Varies.
- 5. Website:** <http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org/Grants-Programs/Small-Grants>

**OPPORTUNITY: Walmart Local Community Grants**

- 1. Due Date:** Rolling, Application opens February 1st
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** 501c3s
- 3. Purpose:** Local Community Grants are awarded through an open application process and provide funding directly from Walmart and Sam's Club facilities to local organizations in the U.S.
- 4. Estimated Range of Awards:** \$250 - \$5,000
- 5. Website:** <https://walmart.org/how-we-give/local-community-grants>

**OPPORTUNITY: Honda Foundation**

- 1. Due Date:** For new applicants, applications are due February 1 and August 1, annually. For returning applicants, applications are due May 1, annually.

2. **Eligible Applicants:** 501(c)(3) public charities, public school districts, and private and public elementary and secondary schools with a program focused on youth ages birth to 21 and scientific education.
3. **Purpose:** The American Honda Foundation supports education with a specific focus on the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); the environment; job training; and literacy. It engages in grant making that reflects the basic tenets, beliefs, and philosophies of Honda companies, which are characterized by the following qualities: imaginative, creative, youthful, scientific, humanistic, and innovative.
4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** Awards range from \$20,000 to \$75,000 over a one-year period.
5. **Website:** <https://www.honda.com/community/applying-for-a-grant>

**OPPORTUNITY: NEA Foundation Student Success Grants**

1. **Due Date:** **Feb. 1, June 1, & Oct. 15**
2. **Eligible Applicants:** Current members of the National Education Association who are educators in public schools or public institutions of higher education. We especially encourage education support professionals to apply.
3. **Purpose:** Grant funds can be used for resource materials, supplies, equipment, transportation, technology, or scholars-in-residence. Although some funds may be used to support the professional development necessary to implement the project, the majority of grant funds must be spent on materials or educational experiences for students. We give preference to proposals that incorporate STEM and/or global competence in their projects. **NOTE: All proposals must include partner information. The partner should be prepared to assume leadership of the project should the lead applicant be unable to complete the work. Administrators may not serve as either the lead or partner applicant. Applications without partner data will not be considered. Partner not required to be NEA member.**
4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** \$2,000 or \$5,000



5. **Website:** <https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/student-success-grants/application-instructions/>

**OPPORTUNITY: Kids Gardening Gro More Good Grassroots Grant**

1. **Due Date:** February 5th
2. **Eligible Applicants:** Schools, 501c3s
3. **Purpose:** KidsGardening is designed to bring the life-enhancing benefits of gardens to communities across the United States. Awards provide funding for the development of new and expansion of existing youth garden programs and greenspaces serving 15 or more youth. Winners will be selected based on their commitment to the maintenance and sustainability of their garden program including plans for growth and future fiscal stability.
4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** \$1,000
5. **Website:** <https://kidsgardening.org/2021-gromoregood-grassroots-grant/>

**ONGOING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

**OPPORTUNITY: Barnes & Noble Grants**

1. **Due Date:** Ongoing
2. **Eligible Applicants:** Schools, 501c3s
3. **Purpose:** Barnes & Noble provides support for literacy, the arts, and pre-K—12 education; with sponsorship and donations, such as in store book fairs and holiday gift- wrapping. For donation and sponsorship requests, applicants should submit their proposal to the community business development manager or store manager at their local Barnes & Noble

store. A limited number of proposals will be forwarded to the district manager and national business development department for approval.

- 4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** Varies
- 5. **Website:** The community business development manager or store manager at your local Barnes & Noble store

**OPPORTUNITY: Lovett Fund for Elementary Drama**

- 1. **Due Date:** Rolling basis, begins in August of each school year
- 2. **Eligible Applicants:** Elementary Educators, 501c3s
- 3. **Purpose:** Funding is available for production of plays and musicals performed by elementary school students (grades 1–5) in a school program.
- 4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** <http://lovettfoundation.org/apply.html>
- 5. **Website:** \$300

**OPPORTUNITY: Dick’s Sporting Goods Foundation**

- 1. **Due Date:** Ongoing
- 2. **Eligible Applicants:** Schools and 501c3s
- 3. **Purpose:** To inspire and enable high-poverty youth to participate in sports.
- 4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** Up to \$25,000
- 5. **Website:** <https://www.sportsmatter.org/faq/>

**OPPORTUNITY: Alternative Fuel Foundation Grant**

- 1. Due Date:** Ongoing
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** Any individual, non-profit, public or private K-12 school, or parent group associated with a non-profit or public or private K-12 school
- 3. Purpose:** Funding requests that promote the awareness and use of alternative fuels or promote the concept of sustainability. Projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit will be favored.
- 4. Estimated Range of Awards:** Typical grants range from \$250-\$500. Larger grants will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- 5. Website:** <https://www.alternativefuelfoundation.org/grants/>

**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
- 5. Website:** <http://ysa.org/awards/eyh/>

**OPPORTUNITY: The Awesome Foundation**

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

**Applicants:**

- 3. Purpose:** To support anyone working on a project to improve their community in Philadelphia
- 4. Estimated Range of Awards:** \$1,000
- 5. Website:** <https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/philadelphia>