

February 2021 Grant Opportunity Newsletter

SDP Office of Grants Development

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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 February 2nd 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: Lindback Awards for Distinguished Principals and Teachers

- 1. Due Date:** February 12th for Principals, March 12th for Teachers
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** SDP Teachers and Principals
- 3. Purpose:** The School District of Philadelphia is once again partnering with The Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation to honor exemplary Philadelphia public school teachers and principals, continuing an annual tradition that has awarded over \$3 million in total grants to deserving educators throughout the city.
- 4. Estimated Range of Awards:** 60 teachers will receive a \$3500 stipend for their school-community. 7 principals will receive a \$20,000 stipend for their school community.
- 5. Website:** <https://www.philasd.org/cso/about/lindback-foundation-awards/>

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/>

OPPORTUNITY: Snapdragon Book Foundation Library Grants

- 1. Due Date:** February 15th

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| 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 of Awards: | Varies |
| 5. Website: | http://snapdragonbookfoundation.org/application/ |

OPPORTUNITY: 1619 Project Education Network

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| 1. Due Date: | March 15th |
| 2. Eligible Applicants: | Teachers |
| 3. Purpose: | <p>How can exploration of the essays, creative writing, photography, and podcasts that make up The 1619 Project from The New York Times Magazine support existing curricula, while also helping students evaluate historical research and process current events? How can authentic engagement with media literacy skills and underreported news stories on racial justice help students engage curiously, critically, and empathetically with the world?</p> <p>As part of this paid, virtual program, a cohort of 40 education professionals will receive grants of \$5,000 each to support exploration of these questions in a community that also includes award-winning journalists and the Pulitzer Center education team.</p> |

4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** \$5,000
5. **Website:** <https://pulitzercenter.submittable.com/submit/185443/the-1619-project-education-network>

OPPORTUNITY: Whole Kids Foundation Garden Grant Program

6. **Due Date:** **Opens February 15th, closes March 31st**
7. **Eligible Applicants:** **Schools, 501c3s**
8. **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.
9. **Estimated Range of Awards:** \$3,000
10. **Website:** <https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/programs/school-gardens-grant>

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>

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 Applicants:** Anyone
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>