

## **April 2021 Grant Opportunity Newsletter**

### SDP Office of Grants Development

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 email us at [grants@philasd.org](mailto:grants@philasd.org), or find more resources on our [webpage](#).

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 April 5th 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: Mini Grants for Equitable Access to STEM Opportunities, administered by The Fund for the School District of Philadelphia**

- 1. Application Opens:** **OPEN NOW**
- 2. Application Due:** **April 9th**
- 3. Eligible Applicants:** **K-12 SDP Teachers from all curriculum fields. Must have Principal approval.**
- 4. Background**

The Fund for the School District of Philadelphia received a grant from GSK as part of its major investment in "STEM Equity" in Philadelphia. The Fund for the School District of Philadelphia will administer the mini grant funds and manage the grant application process. Reviewers include Fund for the School District staff and School District of Philadelphia administrators. The School District Office of Grant Development will hold a series of information sessions and grant writing workshops throughout the month of March to support teachers in their application.
- 5. Purpose:**

All proposed projects must serve Black, Latinx, and female students by encouraging these students to actively engage in areas of STEM and encourage them to consider STEM careers. Applications will be submitted to the Fund for the School District of Philadelphia.
- 6. Estimated Range of Awards:**

A total of \$30,000 is available for grants. Teachers may request up to \$1,500 for a single teacher project. For collaborative teacher projects a total of \$2,500 may be requested.
- 7. Website:** <http://thefundsdp.org/stay-informed/news/mini-grants-for-equitable-access-to-stem-opportunities>

Request for Applications PDF -- Mini Grants for Equitable Access to STEM Opportunities:

[https://www.philasd.org/grants/wp-content/uploads/sites/61/2021/03/FUNDMinigrant2021\\_update3.pdf](https://www.philasd.org/grants/wp-content/uploads/sites/61/2021/03/FUNDMinigrant2021_update3.pdf)

### **OPPORTUNITY: NoVo Social and Emotional Learning Action Awards**

- 1. Due Date:** April 9th
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** All educators
- 3. Purpose:** NoVo Foundation is committed to supporting the spread of social and emotional learning (SEL) practices in schools and districts nationwide. We know practitioners have some of the most inspiring, effective and innovative ideas in the field. NoVo Foundation, in partnership with Education First and Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, aims to seed projects that foster social and emotional competencies in students in grades PK-12. Whether you have an idea for a new initiative or want to expand or continue an existing project, we want to hear from you.
- 4. Estimated Range of Awards:** Up to \$7,500
- 5. Website:** <https://education-first.com/sel-in-action-awards/>

### **OPPORTUNITY: ACS-Hach High School Chemistry Classroom Grant**

- 1. Due Date:** April 14th
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** High School Chemistry Teachers
- 3. Purpose:** Since 2008, over 700 high school chemistry teachers received ACS-Hach High School Chemistry Classroom Grants to support ideas that enhance classroom learning, foster student development, and reveal the wonders of chemistry.
- 4. Estimated Range of Awards:** Up to \$1,500
- 5. Website:** <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding-and-awards/grants/hachhighschool.html>

**OPPORTUNITY: McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation Academic Enrichment Grants**

- 1. Due Date:** April 15th
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** School staff or 501c3s
- 3. Purpose:**

The McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation offers Academic Enrichment Grants designed to develop in-class and extra-curricular programs that improve student learning. The Foundation considers proposals that foster understanding, deepen students' knowledge, and provide opportunities to expand awareness of the world around them.

The Academic Enrichment Grants provide funding for programs that nurture the intellectual, artistic and creative abilities of children from low-income households.
- 4. Estimated Range of Awards:** Up to \$10,000 per year for a maximum of \$30,000 over three years
- 5. Website:** <https://mccartheydressman.org/>

**OPPORTUNITY: VOYA Unsung Heroes Awards Program**

- 1. Due Date:** April 30th
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** Teachers
- 3. Purpose:**

The Voya Unsung Heroes program has helped over two thousand K-12 educators and their schools fund innovative classroom projects through awards totaling more than \$5 million. Do you or someone you know have an innovative teaching method or creative educational project that has the ability to make a positive influence on students? Complete an online application and apply for an award today to help bring to life your innovative and engaging teaching ideas.

- 4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** \$2,000+
- 5. **Website:** <https://apply.scholarsapply.org/unsungheroes/information.php>

**OPPORTUNITY: Mathematics Education Trust Enhancing Student Mathematics Learning through the Use of Tools and Technology Grant**

- 1. **Due Date:** May 1st
- 2. **Eligible Applicants:** K-12 Math Teachers
- 3. **Purpose:** The purpose of this grant is to encourage the innovative use of technology and other tools to help teachers and students visualize and concretize mathematics abstractions.
- 4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** Up to \$3,000
- 5. **Website:** <https://www.nctm.org/Grants/>

**OPPORTUNITY: MATHEMATICS EDUCATION TRUST Enhancing Student Mathematics Learning through the Use of Tools and Technology Grant**

- 1. **Due Date:** May 1st
- 2. **Eligible Applicants:** PK - 12 Math Teachers
- 3. **Purpose:** The purpose of this grant is to encourage the innovative use of technology and other tools to help teachers and students visualize and concretize mathematics abstractions.
- 4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** Up to \$3,000

5. **Website:** <https://www.nctm.org/Grants/>

**OPPORTUNITY: Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants**

1. **Due Date:** May 20th

2. **Eligible Applicants:** Schools, 501C3s

3. **Purpose:** Schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations who help students that are below grade level or having trouble reading are eligible to apply. 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
- Purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs

4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** Up to \$4,000

5. **Website:** <https://www.dgliteracy.org/#youth-literacy-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**

- 6. **Due Date:** Ongoing
- 7. **Eligible Applicants:** Schools and 501c3s
- 8. **Purpose:** To inspire and enable high-poverty youth to participate in sports.
- 9. **Estimated Range of Awards:** Up to \$25,000

10. **Website:** <https://www.sportsmatter.org/faq/>

**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>

## **School-Based Staff ONLY: DonorsChoose Match Offers**

**Make sure to check out this month's DonorsChoose Match Offers for Pennsylvania.**

**<https://www.donorschoose.org/match-offers>**

- **Currently, the William Penn Foundation is matching funds for projects on literacy and literature projects in the district!**

**<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/1500001936302>**

**\*To find the page online, search "DonorsChoose Match Offers" in your browser.**

**Remember to select PA to see offers available in our area.**