

May 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, or find more resources on our [webpage](#).

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

Mike

— CURRENT and UPCOMING 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 28th 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: Upcoming Literacy Grant

Classroom grant opportunity coming soon! Are you a teacher in grades K to 3 with an idea to strengthen early literacy in your classroom? Have you made good progress and are looking for that extra boost to take your students to the next level? Coming this Fall, from the Fund for the School District of Philadelphia, with funding from the William Penn Foundation, classroom

grants for teachers with innovative, research-based ideas to improve literacy. The process for applications will be announced in late Summer, so stay tuned!

OPPORTUNITY: [Teacher Appreciation Week DonorsChoose Matching Funds](#)

On Tuesday, May 4, starting at 7am ET, every donation to a project on DonorsChoose will be matched 50% thanks to SONIC Drive-In, while funds last. This means that a \$20 donation will become a \$30 donation, a \$100 donation will become a \$150 donation, and so on.

Whether you need books for your students, a new coding kit, or something else entirely, now is a great time to [create a project on DonorsChoose](#).

We can't wait to see what exciting ideas you come up with for our students!

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>

OPPORTUNITY: ASM Materials Education Foundation "Living in a Material World"

Education Grant

- 6. Due Date:** May 25th
- 7. Eligible Applicants:** Teachers
- 8. Purpose:** The ASM Materials Education Foundation annually awards 20 grants of \$500 each to help K-12 teachers bring the real world of materials science into their classrooms. “Living in a Material World” grants recognize creativity and enhance awareness of materials science and the role that materials play in society.
- 9. Estimated Range of Awards:** \$500
- 10. Website:** <https://www.asmfoundation.org/teachers/k-12-grants/>

OPPORTUNITY: Seybert Foundation Grants

- 11. Due Date:** May 17th
- 12. Eligible Applicants:** Nonprofits only
- 13. Purpose:** The Seybert Foundation supports organizations working to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged children and youth in the City of Philadelphia. Our grants are made in the form of General Operating Support to those organizations whose missions align with that of the Foundation.
- 14. Estimated Range of Awards:** Varies
- 15. Website:** <http://www.seybertfoundation.org/application/>

OPPORTUNITY: Society of Women Environmental Professionals Grant

16. Due Date: **June 15th**

17. Eligible Applicants: **Educators**

18. Purpose: Each year, SWEP Greater Philadelphia awards a small grant (of up to \$3,000) to help fund organizations or programs that creatively address a locally-defined need to create, enhance, restore, or protect the natural environment or to provide environmental awareness through educational sessions, with particular emphasis on encouraging girls and/or women in the sciences, engineering, or environmental fields. SWEP presents these grants to encourage girls and/or women in the sciences, engineering, or environmental fields. To be eligible for a grant, applicants and projects must be located within the Greater Philadelphia Area, which includes northern Delaware and Southern New Jersey.

19. Estimated Range of Awards: Up to \$3,000

20. Website: <https://www.swepweb.com/page-1680619>

OPPORTUNITY: Clif Family Foundation Grants

21. Due Date: **June 1st**

22. Eligible Applicants: **Nonprofits only**

23. Purpose: Priority is given to applicants that:
-Address two or more of our funding priorities at the same time:
-Strengthen our food system
-Enhance equitable community health outcomes
-Safeguard our environment and natural resources
Must:
Demonstrate strong community ties.
Operate within viable and clearly defined plans for positive change.

24. Estimated Range of Awards: Varies.

25. Website: <https://cliffamilyfoundation.org/grants-program>

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.