

July 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

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 June 24th 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.

— CURRENT and UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES —

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: Osmo for Schools Mini Grants

- 1. Due Date:** July 1, 2021 - July 17, 2021
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** Teachers
- 3. Purpose:** Grant recipients will be able to choose from any of the Osmo for Schools offerings found at schools.playosmo.com/products up to \$2000. This means all plastic, easy-to-sanitize parts and pieces for Osmo! Also included is professional development based on the grant recipients' needs.
- 4. Estimated Range of Awards:** \$2,000
- 5. Website:** <https://schools.playosmo.com/grants>

OPPORTUNITY: Captain Planet Foundation—ecoSolution Grants

- 1. Due Date:** July 15th
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** PreK-12 schools and nonprofits
- 3. Purpose:** Captain Planet Foundation's ecoSolution Grants are intended to support solution-oriented, youth-led projects that result in real environmental outcomes.
- 4. Estimated Range of Awards:** \$500-\$2500
- 5. Website:** <https://captainplanetfoundation.org/grants/ecosolution/>
- 6. Other Info:** Preference is given to requests that have secured match or in-kind funding commitments to support projects.

OPPORTUNITY: Little Seeds Pollinator Pals Grant

- 1. Due Date:** **July 30th**
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** **Schools**
- 3. Purpose:** The Little Seeds Pollinator Pals Grant presented by Little Seeds and KidsGardening is designed to support youth garden programs interested in preserving and creating pollinator habitat to help rebuild declining pollinator populations. In 2021, eighteen programs will be awarded a check for \$500 to support the development of new and expansion of existing pollinator gardens in communities across the United States.
- 4. Estimated Range of Awards:** \$500
- 5. Website:** <https://kidsgardening.org/2021-little-seeds-pollinator-pals-grant/>

OPPORTUNITY: P Buckley Moss Foundation Teacher Grant

- 1. Due Date:** **Opens July 1st, Closes September 30th**
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** The criteria for being considered for a Teacher Grant is the development and implementation of a “hands-on” visual art learning tool. Visual art is best described as creative works which are primarily visual in nature, such as drawing, painting, sculpting, ceramics, architecture, printmaking and photography.
- 3. Purpose:** The P. Buckley Moss Teacher Grant program provides funding for art supplies for teachers. These grants are given annually and may be up to \$1000.00 each. The purpose of the Teacher Grant is to support a new or evolving program that integrates the arts into education in the school classroom setting, with a special focus on those who learn differently.
- 4. Estimated Range of Awards:** Up to \$1,000

5. **Website:** <http://www.mossfoundation.org/grants.html>

OPPORTUNITY: Gravely & Paige Grants for STEM Teachers

1. **Due Date:** **July 31st**
2. **Eligible Applicants:** **K-12 STEM Teachers**
3. **Purpose:** The Gravely & Paige Grants provide funding to elementary and middle schools in the United States to promote STEM innovation in the classrooms with emphasis on academic programs. Grants of up to \$1,000 are awarded. This is a joint effort between AFCEA chapters and the AFCEA Educational Foundation to help augment the cost to students for activities or tools inside or outside of the classroom, such as robotics clubs, cyber clubs and other STEM related activities to promote STEM to students.
4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** Up to \$1,000
5. **Website:** <https://www.afcea.org/site/?q=foundation/gravely-teacher-grants/ste-m-teachers>

OPPORTUNITY: American Battlefield Trust, Fieldtrip Fund

1. **Due Date:** **Rolling**
2. **Eligible Applicants:** **Teachers**
3. **Purpose:** The American Battlefield Trust strongly believes that battlefields are outdoor classrooms — truly unique locations for education, commemoration, and contemplation. The American Battlefield Trust's Field Trip Fund provides funding and assistance to K-12 teachers, who are planning field trips to Civil War, War of 1812, or Revolutionary War battlefields or related historic sites.
4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** Funds for trip

5. **Website:** <https://www.battlefields.org/learn/educators/resources/field-trip-fund>

OPPORTUNITY: AIAA Foundation Classroom Grant Program

1. **Due Date:** August 31st
2. **Eligible Applicants:** Teachers
3. **Purpose:** The AIAA Foundation believes that one of the most significant means to inspire and advance the future of Aerospace is to fund grants to meet the unmet and unfunded educational need of students. Each school year, AIAA awards grants of up to \$500 to worthy projects that significantly influence student learning.
4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** Up to \$500
5. **Website:** <https://www.aiaa.org/get-involved/students-educators/aiaa-foundation-classroom-grant-program>

OPPORTUNITY: NEA Foundation Learning and Leadership Grant

1. **Due Date:** Application Opens June 2nd, Closes October 15th
2. **Eligible Applicants:** Applicants must be teachers, education support professionals, or specialized instructional support personnel and **must be current NEA members.**
3. **Purpose:** Educators frequently need outside resources to engage in meaningful professional development due to limited district funding. Through our Learning & Leadership grants, we support the professional development of NEA members by providing grants to:

-Individuals to participate in high-quality professional development like summer institutes, conferences, seminars, travel abroad programs, or action research

-Groups to fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson plan development, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff.

4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** \$2,000 - \$5,000

5. **Website:** <https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/learning-and-leadership-grants/>

OPPORTUNITY: The Mockingbird Foundation Music Grants

1. **Due Date:** Application Opens June 15th

2. **Eligible Applicants:** Teachers

3. **Purpose:** The Foundation applies a rigorous review process to insure that your donations are used wisely to support high quality, innovative music education programs, where help is most needed. This is evidenced by the strength of the hundreds of organizations we have supported, and by the robust and comprehensive nature of our review process.

4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** \$100 - \$10,000

5. **Website:** <https://mbird.org/grants/dates/>

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>

Some Current Highlights Include:

- **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>

- **Professional Development Matching Funds:**
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/1500007804081>
- **2x or 3x Matching Grants for Literacy Resource Kits:**
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/360063575853>
- **Matching Funds for Team Sports:**
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/206863337>

ONGOING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

OPPORTUNITY: ALDI Smart Kids

- 1. Due Date:** Rolling
- 2. Eligible Applicants:** Schools
- 3. Purpose:** We're proud to support the awesome kids in our local communities. Through ALDI Smart Kids, we partner with organizations that make a positive impact on our kids' health and well-being, food insecurity and diversity, equity and inclusion programs. So whether your mission is to support kids through education, arts, athletics or any other program that inspires them to be active and healthy, we say kudos to you and encourage you to apply for support from the ALDI Smart Kids program.
- 4. Estimated Range of Awards:** Varies
- 5. Website:** <https://corporate.aldi.us/en/corporate-responsibility/aldi-smart-kids/>

OPPORTUNITY: Classics Association of the Atlantic States Grants

- 1. Due Date:** Rolling

- 2. **Eligible Applicants:** **Teachers**
- 3. **Purpose:** Each year CAAS offers its members grant money to strengthen the teaching of and foster public support for the languages, civilizations, and cultures of ancient Greece and Rome.
- 4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** \$600
- 5. **Website:** <https://caas-cw.org/caas/grants/>

OPPORTUNITY: Target Foundation Grants

- 1. **Due Date:** **Inquiry Form**
- 2. **Eligible Applicants:** **Schools**
- 3. **Purpose:** School-based staff with programs they think Target may be interested in funding can fill out an inquiry form at:
https://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/ao_survey.form?x_gm_id=5170&x_section_id=1498982&x_quiz_survey_id=54354
- 4. **Estimated Range of Awards:** Varies
- 5. **Website:** <https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/philanthropy/Target-Foundation/national>

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: 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>