

The School District of Philadelphia

# Grant Opportunity Newsletter

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## Office of Grant 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. <https://www.philasd.org/grants/>

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

Michael Sonkowsky, Deputy Chief  
Office of Grant Development

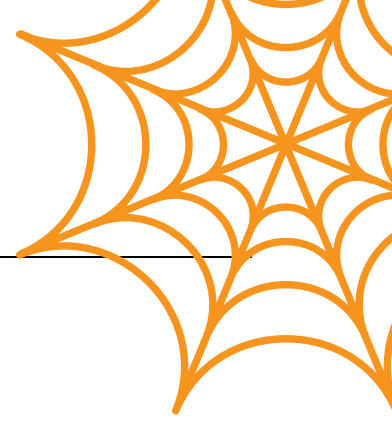


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***NOTE: Funders may change their mission, strategy, and target recipients at any time and some funders have stopped accepting proposals during the pandemic. The OGD has reviewed all of the opportunities to ensure that all are still accepting applications as of September 30th 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.***

# OGD Announcements

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## Philly Fundamentals

The Office of Grant Development encourages all principals and their designees to update their Philly FUNDamentals accounts. This platform, managed by The Fund for the School District of Philadelphia, allows any donor to find a school and directly give that school's needs identified by the principal. Once a Philly FUNDamentals account is created, the schools are plotted on a map, and donors can search the site to find a profile of each school. School profiles include a message from the principal, a description of the need, school performance and demographic information, and a link to the school's website. After learning more about the school, donors give directly toward the cost of the project with the simple click of a button.

We encourage schools to keep their Philly FUNDamentals account up to date and to spread the word about this great web-based platform for fundraising across their networks. You can also learn more about Philly FUNDamentals at <http://thefundsdp.org>.

## Literacy Grant Teaser

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 soon, 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.



## Contact us for more information

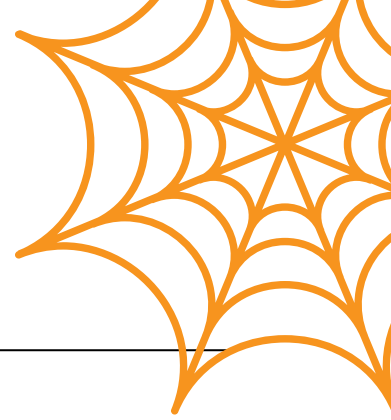
440 N. Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19130  
Phone: 215-400-4150  
grants@philasd.org  
Hours: M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm

### **Website:**

<https://www.philasd.org/grants/>

# Grant Opportunities

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**Opportunity:** Whole Kids Foundation Bee Grant

**Due Date:** September 1 - October 15, 2021

**Eligible Applicants:** K-12 Schools or Non-Profit Organizations that serve any grades K-12 in the U.S.

**Purpose:** The Bee Grant Program seeks to stimulate in young people a curiosity about the importance of bees in our lives and food system, the need to understand and embrace them, and the value of caring about their well-being.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** All Bee Grant options are valued at \$2,000 per grant

**Website:** <https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/programs/honey-bee-hive-grant>

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**Opportunity:** The NEA Foundation Success Grants

**Due Date:** June 16 - October 15, 2021

**Eligible Applicants:** We invite applications from educators, specialized instructional support personnel, and education support professional who are members of the NEA.

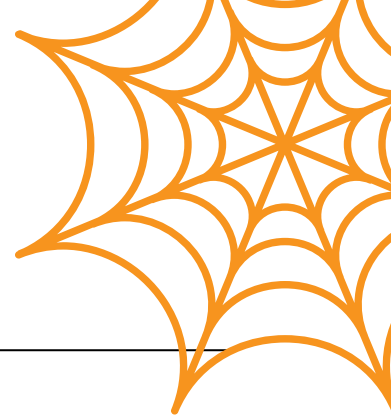
**Purpose:** The NEA Foundation wants to support educators engaging students in project-based and deeper learning to support the development of skills and dispositions contributing to success and fulfillment in a changing world.

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

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

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**Opportunity:** The NEA Foundation Envision Equity Grants

**Due Date:** June 16 - October 15, 2021

**Eligible Applicants:** We invite applications from educators, specialized instructional support personnel, and education support professional who are members of the NEA.

**Purpose:** In particular, the NEA Foundation wants to ensure that educators have opportunities to lead in an equity-focused reimagining of public education, encouraging students' love of learning, and the best possible educational experience for every child.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$1,500 - \$5,000

**Website:** <https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/envision-equity-grants/>

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**Opportunity:** NCTM Equity in Mathematics Grant grades 6-12

**Due Date:** November 1

**Eligible Applicants:** The applicant must be a current Essential or Premium member of NCTM or teach at a school with a current membership.

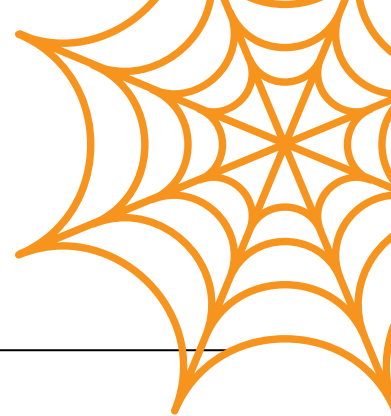
**Purpose:** The purpose of this grant is to incorporate classroom materials or lessons that will improve the achievement of student groups that have previous records of underachievement, sometimes identified by race, gender, region, or culture.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** Maximum of \$8,000

**Website:** [https://www.nctm.org/uploadedFiles/Grants\\_and\\_Awards/grants/Equity-in-Mathematics-Grants-6-12-Application-Information.pdf](https://www.nctm.org/uploadedFiles/Grants_and_Awards/grants/Equity-in-Mathematics-Grants-6-12-Application-Information.pdf)

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**Opportunity:** The Peter R. Marsh Foundation, Middle School Music Grant.

**Due Date:** September 1 - January 31st , 2021

**Eligible Applicants:** All public Middle Schools in the United States, which have a music curriculum, are eligible to apply for the Peter R. Marsh Foundation's Music Grant.

**Purpose:** The primary purpose of the Music Grant Program is to support schools in their prioritized efforts to embed social and emotional intelligence in students. Student participation in public service activities is widely recognized as an effective way to accomplish this objective. The Music Grant Program endows student public service.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$1,000

**Website:** <https://www.prmfoundation.org/music-grant/>

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**Opportunity:** Klorane Botanical Foundation, Budding Botanist Grant

**Due Date:** Friday, October 29th, 2021

**Eligible Applicants:** Any public school, charter school, or private school serving students in grades K to 12 in the United States. Applicants must be planning a new or expanding an existing school garden program designed to teach students about environmental sustainability and the importance of biodiversity. Previous Budding Botanist winners are not eligible.

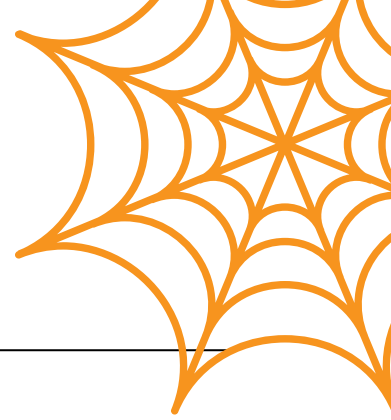
**Purpose:** The Budding Botanist Grant will help our youngest citizens learn about plants, explore their world and inspire them to take care of the life they discover in their local ecosystems.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$1,000

**Website:** [https://kidsgardening.org/2022-budding-botanist-grant/?mc\\_cid=1e3a38025c&mc\\_eid=e5e8e6ca38](https://kidsgardening.org/2022-budding-botanist-grant/?mc_cid=1e3a38025c&mc_eid=e5e8e6ca38)

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**Opportunity:** American Battlefield Trust Civil War Traveling Trunk

**Due Date:** The application window opens August 1

**Eligible Applicants:** All Teachers

**Purpose:** The Civil War Traveling Trunk program provides reproduction Civil War artifacts, books, music, and other various materials for teachers to utilize during their Civil War-era instruction. The trunk fosters greater interest in the American Civil War and battlefield preservation by allowing students to have a hands-on experience.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** The Civil War Traveling Trunk is FREE for teachers!

**Website:** <https://www.battlefields.org/learn/educators/resources/civil-war-traveling-trunk>

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**Opportunity:** The Awesome Foundation

**Due Date:** Ongoing - every other month on the second Tuesday

**Eligible Applicants:** Anyone

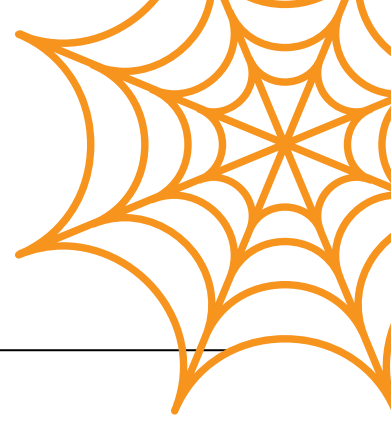
**Purpose:** To support anyone working on a project to improve their community in Philadelphia

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$1,000

**Website:** <https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/philadelphia>

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**Opportunity:** Lovett Fund for Elementary Drama

**Due Date:** Rolling basis, being in August of each school year

**Eligible Applicants:** Elementary Educators, 501c3s

**Purpose:** Funding is available for the production of plays and musicals performed by elementary school students (grades 1–5) in a school program.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$300

**Website:** <http://lovettfoundation.org/apply.html>

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**Opportunity:** Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation

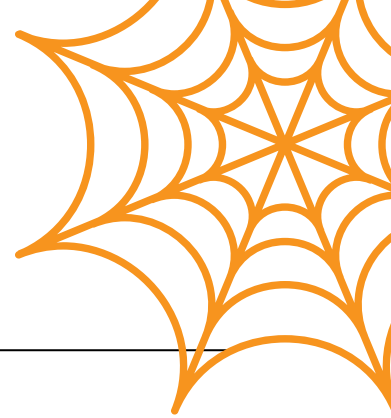
**Due Date:** Ongoing

**Eligible Applicants:** 501c3s

**Purpose:** To inspire and enable high-poverty youth to participate in sports.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** Up to \$25,000

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



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**Opportunity:** Classics Association of the Atlantic States Grant

**Due Date:** Rolling

**Eligible Applicants:** Teachers

**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.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$600

**Website:** <https://caas-cw.org/caas/grants/>

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**Opportunity:** SnapDragon Book Foundation

**Due Date:** November 2021-February, 2022

**Eligible Applicants:** Any school library that serves disadvantaged youth may apply.

**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.

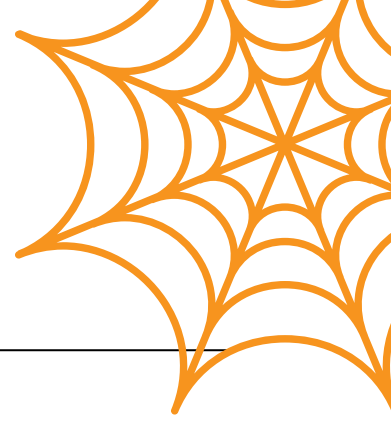
**Estimated Range of Awards:** Grants typically range from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

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



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**Opportunity:** Team First Book Philadelphia

**Due Date:** The 1st of every month

**Eligible Applicants:** Community-based mentoring, tutoring, and family literacy programs

**Purpose:** TFBP provides new books to children in need addressing one of the most important factors affecting literacy – access to books. TFBP supplies books to schools, after-school programs and other organizations that already have the tools to teach and use the books for lessons, and then the books go home with the kids so they can share the joy of reading with their family and friends. All books distributed by First Book are brand new and are provided at no cost to the child.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** Varies

**Website:** <https://www.firstbookphiladelphia.org/apply-for-books>

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## 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:

**\*\*Please note that match offers change frequently\*\***

- **2x or 3x Matching Grants for Literacy Resource Kits:**  
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/360063575853>
- **Tony the Tiger and Kellogg's Frosted Flakes® 2x matching donations on middle school sports projects:**  
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/360032750234>
- **Reading Plus Subscriptions 2X matching Grant:**  
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/360063705513>
- **hand2mind matching donations on projects requesting select hand2mind resources 2X matching Grant:**  
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/360052938313>
- **2X matching donations on projects requesting a Study.com subscription:** <https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/360058304974>

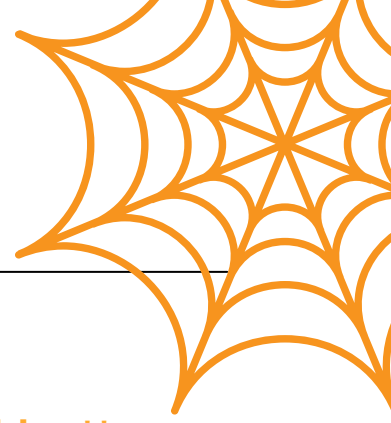
Don't see a match offer for your classroom, consider making your own, start your project today [www.donorschoose.org](http://www.donorschoose.org)



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# Literacy Resources for Teachers

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## Some Current Highlights Include:

**\*\*Please note that some resources require memberships\*\***

### **The Book Bank:** <https://readingrecycled.org/the-book-bank-1>

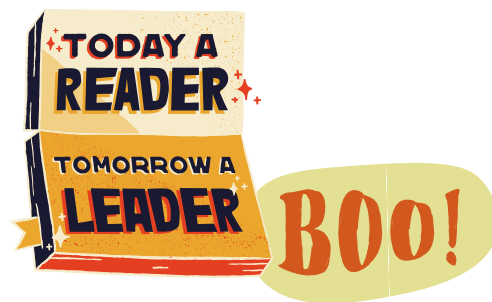
The Book Bank is member supported through annual dues of just \$25. In exchange for those dues, Book Bank Members receive up to 375 books per school year, as well as classroom supplies, with a combined value of over \$4,000. We are chiefly supported by the kind and generous donations of many individual, community, and corporate partners.

**Note:** The Philly Book Bank is located at Martin Luther King High School, 6100 Stenton Avenue, Room T137.

### **Book Smiles:** <https://www.booksmiles.org/>

BookSmiles, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, promotes literacy and the joy of reading by giving books to children throughout New Jersey and Greater Philadelphia. We provide students and younger siblings with high-quality new or gently used books, laying the groundwork for academic success.

Your online donation of \$25 will provide you with 100 books to distribute to your students and school community!



## Additional Resources

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### Policy 702

[https://www.philasd.org/schoolboard/wp-content/uploads/sites/892/2019/07/702\\_Gifts-Grants-Donations-and-Student-Fundraising\\_Policy\\_May.pdf](https://www.philasd.org/schoolboard/wp-content/uploads/sites/892/2019/07/702_Gifts-Grants-Donations-and-Student-Fundraising_Policy_May.pdf)



### Policy 702.2

<https://www.philasd.org/schoolboard/wp-content/uploads/sites/892/2018/07/Policy-702.2.pdf>



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