



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, 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

March

Happy Women's History Month!



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 February 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.

OGD Announcements



School Resource Academy UPDATE

The Office of Grant Development is proud of our first School Resource Academy Cohort! We work together on our fund development skills together to raise \$10,000 per school and to create/strengthen our networks of wealth to help schools achieve their annual priorities. This year's pilot cohort is:

1. Sheridan Elementary
2. Furness High School
3. Finletter
4. George Washington High School
5. Roosevelt Elementary



So far, we've worked on writing grants, and our next step is fundraising campaigns via Philly Fundamentals. Please continue to look out for updates on our progress.

If you're interested in the SY 2022-2023 cohort, the application will be released soon.

Have questions?

Please contact: llau@philasd.org





Grant Opportunities

Opportunity: Whole Kids Foundation

Due Date: February 14th - March 11th, 2022

Eligible Applicants: Private, Charter, Public, Other (including homeschool, 501 (c)(3) organizations)

Purpose: Through the Whole Kids Foundation's School Garden Grant Program, schools and organizations turn outdoor spaces into powerful hands-on learning gardens that connect kids with food, spark their curiosity, and support classroom curriculum. Grants support new or existing edible educational gardens.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$3,000

Website: <https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/programs/school-gardens-grant>

Opportunity: Philadelphia Public Giving Circle

Due Date: March 4th, 2022

Eligible Applicants: Philadelphia Public Elementary Schools

Purpose: The Philadelphia Public School Giving Circle (PPSGC) micro-grant program is now accepting applications for educational projects benefiting the students of traditional Philadelphia neighborhood public elementary schools located in disadvantaged neighborhoods. These grants are designed to allow teachers, principals, parents, students, and community members working in schools, access to small grants to support Philadelphia students and address needs not met by the School District or other funders. Examples include: enrichment supplies, costs for trips, or other costs associated with class projects.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$250-\$500

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/phlpubschoolgivingcircle/>



Grant Opportunities

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>

Opportunity: Aldi's Smart Kids Program

Due Date: The application window opens August 1

Eligible Applicants: Applicants must be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, public or private K-12 schools, or faith-based organizations that benefit children in their communities.

Purpose: The ALDI grocery store chain is inviting applications for its ALDI Smart Kids program, which provides support to organizations working to address the health and wellness needs of children in communities where ALDI has stores, warehouses, offices, and conducts business. To that end, grants will be awarded to local community organizations that encourage children to actively participate in the areas of education, physical activity, nutrition, socializing, and the arts.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$5,000

Website: <https://corporate.aldi.us/en/corporate-responsibility/aldi-smart-kids/>

Please reach out to Grant Development for assistance with this Grant Opportunity



Grant Opportunities

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>

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/>



Grant Opportunities

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/>

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>



School-Based Staff ONLY: DonorsChoose Match Offers

Make sure to check out this month's DonorsChoose March Offers for Pennsylvania!



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

Some Current Highlights Include:

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

- **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>
- **Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation 2x matching on team sports projects**
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/206863337>

Don't see a match offer for your classroom, consider making your own, start your project today www.donorschoose.org





Literacy Resources for Teachers

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

Policy 702

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>

Philly

FUNDamentals

(Principals Only)

<https://foundationgive.com/foundations/15/PhillyFUNDamentals>

DonorsChoose

(School Facing)

<https://www.donorschoose.org/>



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