

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/>

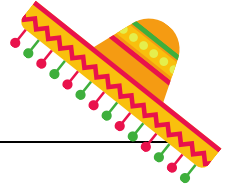
Good luck to everyone pursuing grants on behalf of Philadelphia public schools

Michael Sonkowsky, Deputy Chief
Office of Grant Development



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 April 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



Brooklyn Public Library is offering free digital library cards to young adults in the US

The Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) has announced that any teenager in America is now eligible for a Brooklyn Public Library card.

BPL is counteracting a ban on certain books by letting anyone in the US aged 13 to 21 apply for a digital library card. This gives teens and young adults, regardless of their location in the United States, access to the library's entire ebook collection.

The initiative, called **Books Unbanned**, is fighting what the BPL describes as an “increasingly coordinated and effective effort to remove books tackling a wide range of topics from library shelves.”

If you're interested in getting a BPL digital library card, you can apply by emailing BooksUnbanned@bklynlibrary.org. You can also find more information about banned books on [BPL's website](#).





Grant Opportunities

Opportunity: Dollar General Foundation Youth Literacy Grants

Due Date: May 19th

Eligible Applicants: Schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations who help students that are below grade level or having trouble reading are eligible to apply

Purpose: Supporting students on their K-12 educational journey.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$4,000

Website: <https://www.dgliteracy.org/grant-programs/?#youth-literacy-grants>

Opportunity: Justin J. Watts Foundation

Due Date: Ongoing

Eligible Applicants: Schools serving grades 6 through 8 that have not previously received funding. For sports starting in March, April, or May, applications must be submitted before the 15th of February. For sports starting in August, September, or October, applications must be submitted before the 15th of May. For sports starting in November, December, January, or February, applications must be submitted before the 15th of October.

Purpose: The Justin J. Watt Foundation offers support to middle schools that do not have sufficient funding for after-school and athletic programs. The foundation offers Equipment Grants for after-school programs, such as athletic teams for grade 6 through 8. Examples of eligible items include uniforms with school name or numbers; safety equipment, such as helmets, pads, or mats; balls, bats, or nets; and storage equipment.

Estimated Range of Awards: Awards Vary

Website: <http://jjwfoundation.org/request-funds/>



Grant Opportunities

Opportunity: Ross Stores, Inc. Foundation

Due Date: Applications are accepted year-round

Eligible Applicants: Be a federal tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, school, or government program. Serve a community within 25 miles of a Ross Dress for Less or dd's DISCOUNTS Store. Align with our charitable mission to create brighter futures by building academic achievement and life skills in economically disadvantaged youth, ages 3-24.

Purpose: At Ross Stores, we invest in brighter futures by supporting programs that unlock the full potential of the next generation. With a goal of building competence, confidence, and character in the young people who need us most, Ross Stores, Inc. and the Ross Stores Foundation partner with organizations that work in our communities to build academic achievement and life skills

Estimated Range of Awards: Primarily in the form of gift cards with a few grants under \$10K

Website: <https://corp.rossstores.com/responsibility/giving-guidelines/store-based-giving-guidelines/>
Please reach out to Grant Development for assistance with this Grant Opportunity

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>



Grant Opportunities

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/>

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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>



Grant Opportunities

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/>

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/>



Grant Opportunities

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 Match Offers for Pennsylvania!

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

Some Current Highlights Include:

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

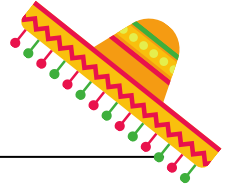
- Dollar General Literacy Foundation 2x matching donations on books projects on May 5th, in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/5399457982487>
- SONIC Drive-In matching donations 50% on all live projects on May 3rd, in honor of Teacher Appreciation Day
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/5399397326359>
- Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation 2x matching on team sports projects. That means \$20 will become a \$40 donation.
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/206863337>
- PNC Grow Up Great is 2x matching donations on Pre-K and Head Start projects.
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/1500005531561>



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

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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.

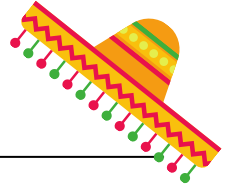
Note: The Philly Book Bank is located at Martin Luther King High School, 6100 Stenton Avenue, Room T137.

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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