

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 May 31st 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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## *A message to principals from Mike Sonkowsky, Deputy Chief, Office of Grant Development*

Principals, are you making plans for principal-directed PD days for your teaching staff next year? Do you want to help your teachers bring in resources to their classrooms that are customized to their curriculums and unique student interests? The Office of Grant Development(OGD) may be able to help! We offer Fundraising for Public Schools; an Intro to DonorsChoose as a PD for SDP teachers. DonorsChoose is only for staff in student-facing activities 75% of the day, and the only crowdfunding site for teachers that is approved by the SDP's Board of Education.

Charitable giving in the US reached a record \$471 billion in 2020; the vast majority of it, \$324 billion, was given by individuals. Since July 1, 2017, individual SDP users of DonorsChoose have brought nearly \$7.2M in customized resources into their classrooms and schools. Often, projects are funded by total strangers, and in just a few weeks. DonorsChoose was created by a teacher specifically for ease of use by other teachers.

In this stand-alone session, student-facing staff will learn how to most easily harness individual generosity with DonorsChoose to bring extra resources for students, classrooms, and schools. Common DonorsChoose projects are field trips, student project materials tailored to the curriculum and individual student interests, comfortable furniture, rugs, and books for classroom reading nooks, and science equipment. Teachers can even use DonorsChoose for specialized professional development that speaks to their own growth. Several SDP teachers and DonorsChoose users join OGD in leading the session when available, providing their first-hand insights as regular users.

Sessions usually run from 60 to 90 minutes, with plenty of time for Q & A. We regularly make the session available to everyone on district-wide PD half days, but if you'd like to schedule a session for your team on a principal-directed PD day, please reach out to [grants@philasd.org](mailto:grants@philasd.org)!

This PD is not eligible for ACT-48 credit.

Mike Sonkowsky





# Grant Opportunities

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**Opportunity:** Quadratec Cares "Energize The Environment" Grant Program

**Due Date:** June 30th

**Eligible Applicants:** Any individual, group, or organization in the United States who has a love for all things environmental, and has an idea or event designed to help improve our environment, is eligible. Any questions or clarification on what constitutes eligibility can be emailed to [grants@quadratec.com](mailto:grants@quadratec.com).

**Purpose:** Quadratec recognizes that their position as a leading aftermarket supplier for 4x4 vehicles such as Jeeps also gives a responsibility to help support enthusiasts working towards improving the environment. By doing so, they believe all of us can positively influence a new generation of outdoor lovers, and promote a better understanding of what makes our environmental world tick.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$3,500 environmental grants per year – one each in the spring and fall

**Website:** <https://www.quadratec.com/page/quadratec-cares-grant-program>

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**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/>



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**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\**

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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:** 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>

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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:** 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\*\***

- **3Doodler Education Bundles**

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



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



### 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>

### Philly

#### FUNDamentals (Principals Only)

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

#### DonorsChoose (School Facing)

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



#### Contact us for more information

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