

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 September 1st 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 is back for SY 2022-2023!](#)



School Resource Academy

The Office of Grant Development's (OGD) equity project is for schools previously minimally involved in raising funds and have few engaged community supporters.

[30 minute info session](#)

[Wednesday, September 7th, 2022 at 1pm](#)

JOIN IN AT: meet.google.com | Using Code: OGDROOM

Begins October 2022:

- **10 schools raise up to \$10,000 each for principal priorities**
- **Sustainable school teams learn skills + tools to raise funds**
- **Develop wealth networks to potentially assist in yearly school needs**
- **AND MORE...**

[Interest Form Here](#) | Due Friday, September 16th

Questions or Concerns

Laura Lau at llau@philasd.org or visit [The Office of Grant Development Website](#)

OGD Announcements

Office of Grant Development PD Offerings

For SY 22/23 The Office of Grant Development will be offering our PD: *Fundraising for Public Schools: Intro to DonorsChoose only by Principal* request on School-Directed PD days.

DonorsChoose is the ONLY teacher crowdfunding platform that is approved by the SDP's Board of Education.

Since 2007, over 5,000 SDP teachers have brought in nearly \$13.7 million in resources to their classrooms and schools with DonorsChoose. In this session, OGD staff review SDP policies on fundraising, and best practices for using DonorsChoose. Our staff is often joined by a teacher who is experienced in using DonorsChoose, who share their first-person experiences. If you would like to request a PD on one of the following dates, please look out for our session in the PD catalog and register through Cornerstone.

School-Directed PD Days:

Friday, October 7th, 2022
Friday, December 16th, 2022
Friday, January 20th, 2023
Friday, April 14th, 2023
Friday, May 19th, 2023



For more information, please contact The Office of Grant Development
grants@philasd.org

OGD Announcements

Philly FUNDamentals Online Fundraising Platform



WHAT WE DO

We are the only non-profit organization that works directly with the School District of Philadelphia to align the investments of philanthropic partners - private foundations, corporations, businesses, community organizations, and individual donors - with programs and strategies that will impact the success of students attending our neighborhood public schools.

OUR IMPACT

Through our Philly FUNDamentals crowdfunding platform, we have raised \$1.8 million to fund school-based projects developed by school principals and administrators. Since 2015, we have raised more than \$40 million overall to support Philadelphia's public schools.

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO

 **215-979-7122**



PHILLY FUNDAMENTALS

Launch a crowdfunding campaign for your special, school-based project. Click the QR code below to get started.



DRESS DOWN DAY

Participate in Dress Down Day to celebrate public school pride - returning in May 2023!



info@thefundsdp.org



thefundsdp.org



Grant Opportunities

Opportunity: Whole Kids Foundation Bee Grant

Due Date: October 15th, 2022

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

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: \$1,500

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

Opportunity: Kids Gardening Budding Botanist Grant

Due Date: October 14th, 2022

Eligible Applicants: Any nonprofit organization, public or private school, or youth program in the United States or US Territories planning a new garden program or expanding an established one that serves at least 15 youth between the ages of 3 and 18 is eligible to apply.

Purpose: Designed to further the mission of the Klorane Botanical Foundation, the Budding Botanist grant will help our youngest students learn about plants, explore their world, and inspire them to take care of the life they discover in their local ecosystems. In 2023, twenty schools across the country will be awarded \$1000 each in grant funding

Estimated Range of Awards: \$1,000

Website: <https://kidsgardening.org/grant-opportunities/>



Grant Opportunities

Opportunity: Kids Gardening Youth Garden Grant

Due Date: October 17th - December 2, 2022

Eligible Applicants: Any nonprofit organization, public or private school, or youth program in the United States or US Territories planning a new garden program or expanding an established one that serves at least 15 youth between the ages of 3 and 18 is eligible to apply.

Purpose: Since 1982, the Youth Garden Grant has supported school and youth educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life for students and their communities. In 2023, fifty programs will receive award packages consisting of a cash prize and a variety of gardening tools and supplies.

Estimated Range of Awards: Award Packages valued at \$1,050

Website: <https://kidsgardening.org/grant-opportunities/>

Opportunity: Kids Gardening GroMoreGood Grant

Due Date: January 3rd - February 10th, 2023

Eligible Applicants: Any nonprofit organization, public or private school, or youth program in the United States or US Territories planning a new garden program or expanding an established one that serves at least 15 youth between the ages of 3 and 18 is eligible to apply.

Purpose: The GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant, brought to you by The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation and KidsGardening, is designed to bring the life-enhancing benefits of gardens to communities across the United States. 165 programs will be awarded in 2023.

Estimated Range of Awards: TBD

Website: <https://kidsgardening.org/grant-opportunities/>



Grant Opportunities

Opportunity: The Samull Classroom Herb Garden Grant

Due Date: October 1st, 2022

Eligible Applicants: Public and/or private 3rd through 6th grade teachers, with classes of a minimum of fifteen (15) students

Purpose: The Herb Society of America will select ten (10) schools/classrooms to receive \$200 to establish an herb garden. The funds may be used for supplies such as soil, plant trays, containers, child or youth sized tools, etc.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$300

Website: <https://www.herbsociety.org/get-involved/grants-scholarships/>

Opportunity: The P. Buckley Moss Teacher Grant

Due Date: September 30th, 2022

Eligible Applicants: Pre-K-12 teachers using art

Purpose: The P. Buckley Moss Teacher Grant program provides funding for visual art supplies for teachers (examples are paint, clay, modelling materials, tiles, markers, pencils and paper, to name a few). 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.

Estimated Range of Awards: Up to \$1,000

Website: http://www.mossfoundation.org/2023-24_Grant_application.pdf

- **Foundation only accepts hard-copy mailed applications.**



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: 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: 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: 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****

- **DonorsChoose donating \$50 to new projects from never-before-funded teachers:**
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/8116895836311>
- **Allstate Foundation 2X matching donations on Community Service Projects:**
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/8045411205527>
- **Anonymous funder 2X matching donation to STEM projects posted by teachers of color:**
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/7790740131863>
- **Charles Schwab 2X matching donations to financial literacy projects:**
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/7756832125975>
- **Dial donating \$50 to qualifying Health & Wellness projects:**
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/7279737967383>
- **Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation 2X matching donation on team sports projects at Equity Focus Schools:**
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/7756508795031>
- **Spotify 2X matching donations on Performing Arts and Music projects at Equity Focus Schools:**
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/7754409220631>

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.



A flyer for the Philly Book Bank Open House. The background is teal with white stars. The text is white and yellow. It includes a list of bullet points and contact information. On the right side, there is an illustration of a young boy with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a yellow shirt and blue pants, holding a stack of books. To his right is a wooden bookshelf filled with colorful books.

★ ★ Philly Book Bank ★ ★
★ ★ Open House ★ ★

We have missed you! The past few years have been full of challenges, and we'd love to see you again. We are having an Open House on September 7th and 8th from 3-6:00. Everyone is welcome to come in, chat and take home 25 books.

- We are located inside MLK High School, 6100 Stenton Ave.
- Use the Haines Street parking lot closest to the dumpsters, call 215-279-7450, and we will let you in.

Questions: Call 215-279-7450 or email anne@readingrecycled.org

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>

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FUNDamentals

(Principals Only)

<https://www.givecampus.com/schools/TheFundfortheSchoolDistrictofPhiladelphia>

DonorsChoose

(Teachers and School Staff)

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



Contact us for more information

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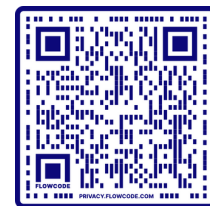
Phone: 215-400-4150

grants@philasd.org

Hours: M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Website:

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



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