

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!

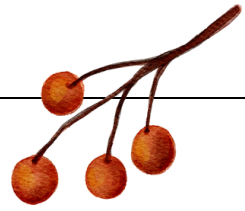
Michael Sonkowsky, Deputy Chief  
Office of Grant Development

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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 November 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

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## 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*. Anyone who spends 75 percent or more of their time in student-facing activities may request this PD 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.

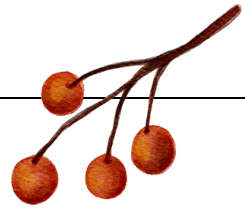
### School-Directed PD Days:

Friday, October 7th, 2022  
Friday, November 4th, 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  
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# OGD Announcements



## Philly FUNDamentals Online Fundraising Platform

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### 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!



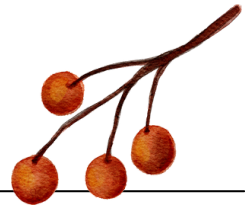
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[thefundsdp.org](http://thefundsdp.org)

# Grant Opportunities

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**Opportunity:** FMFCU Foundation Teacher mini-Grants

**Due Date:** November 30th, 2022

**Eligible Applicants:** West Philadelphia, or University City School Teachers

**Purpose:** Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation will award 10 one-time mini grants to K-12 teachers. These mini grants are intended to help teachers fund innovative educational experiences for their students that may not otherwise be funded. Requests for classroom supplies, technology, books, funding for classroom projects or programs will be considered.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$200 – \$500 for classroom needs

**Website:** <https://fmfcufoundation.org/awards>

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**Opportunity:** The Red Apple Fund for Student Enrichment: Visit the Delaware Art Museum

**Due Date:** December 10th, 2022

**Eligible Applicants:** All public, private, and parochial schools in any state are eligible to apply for a Red Apple Fund School Tour Grant

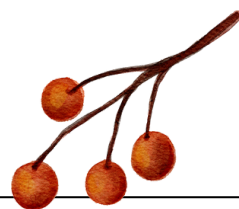
**Purpose:** School tours of the Delaware Art Museum

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$500

**Website:** <https://www.delart.org/education/red-apple-fund/>

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**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/>

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**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.

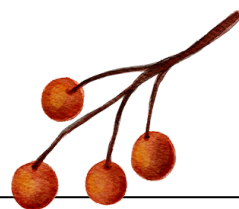
**Purpose:** The GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant, brought to you by The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation and KidsGardening, is designed to bring the life-enhancing benefits of gardens to communities across the United States. 165 programs will be awarded in 2023.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** TBD

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

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**Opportunity:** Wild Ones Seeds for Education Grants

**Due Date:** July 15th – November 15th, 2022.

**Eligible Applicants:** School, nature centers or youth groups

**Purpose:** For more than 20 years, this Wild Ones donor-funded program has provided small grants ranging from \$100 to \$500 for naturally landscaped projects throughout the United States. These funds are designated for native plants and seeds for outdoor learning areas that engage children, preschool to high school. Youth participate directly in the planning, planting, and care of the native plant gardens.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$100 to \$500

**Website:** <https://wildones.org/seeds-for-education/>

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**Opportunity:** American Heart Association Teaching Gardens Network

**Due Date:** October 28th, 2022

**Eligible Applicants:** School garden start-ups or existing gardens are eligible.

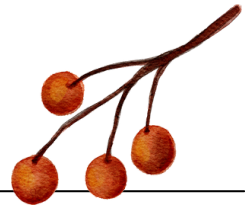
**Purpose:** The American Heart Association is seeking schools and educational facilities that are working to connect children to the garden, supporting health, nutrition, and environmental stewardship. Through this grant program, we hope to build strong communities who commit to growing healthy kids. Program elements include building, growing and maintaining a garden, providing a hands-on learning experience, and teaching students about healthy eating and gardening via an interactive cross-curricular, standards-based gardening and nutrition education curriculum.

**Estimated Range of Awards:** \$2500

**Website:** <https://www.heart.org/en/professional/educator/teaching-gardens/teaching-gardens-grant>

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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:** 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.

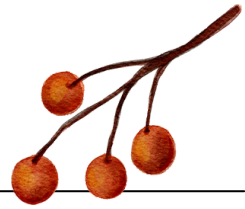
**Purpose:** The Justin J. Watt Foundation offers support to middle schools that do not have sufficient funding for after-school and athletic programs. The foundation offers Equipment Grants for after-school programs, such as athletic teams for grade 6 through 8. Examples of eligible items include uniforms 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:** 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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**Opportunity:** American Battlefield Trust

**Due Date:** N/A

**Eligible Applicants:** You must be an active and full-time K-12 educator or administrator to apply to the Field Trip Fund. All applicants will be notified within two weeks of their application status.

**Purpose:** The American Battlefield Field Trip Fund is designed to help offset the cost of K-12 field trips to sites related to the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and the American Civil War. Approved applicants can receive up to \$1,500 in funding for their field trip. Funds can be applied to transportation to and from the site(s), guide fees, and admissions to the historic sites. We do not provide funding for first-class accommodations, souvenirs, or overnight stays/accommodations. (Please visit our Field Trip Fund page for more information.)

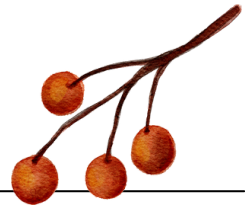
**Estimated Range of Awards:** Up to \$1,500

**Website:** <https://americanbattlefieldtrust.wufoo.com/forms/s99i7g615jn5n6/>



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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

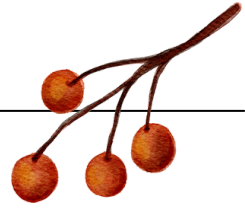
**Purpose:** Funding is available for the production of plays and musicals performed by elementary school students (grades 1–5) in a school program.

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

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

# 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.

### **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!





## 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\*\***

- In partnership with Young Sheldon, The Chuck Lorre Family Foundation is matching donations on 3rd-8th grade Engineering & Technology projects from Equity Focus Schools:

<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/8929005465751>

- 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>



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





# 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://www.givecampus.com/schools/TheFundfortheSchoolDistrictofPhiladelphia>

## DonorsChoose (Teachers and School Staff)

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



## Contact us for more information

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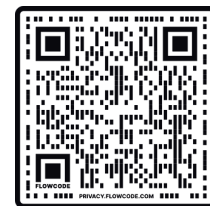
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