

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 March 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 SY 22/23

The Office of Grant Development is thrilled to announce that School Resource Academy has launched for year 2! We kicked off our first workshop on Wednesday, October 26th. We're excited to work with our school teams on various fund development skill sets to raise up to \$10,000 per school and to create/strengthen their networks of wealth to help schools achieve their annual priorities. This year's cohort is:

Blaine

Dobbins

Ludlow

Moffet

Taggart



Missed the sign-up period for School Resource Academy?

No worries! OGD offers ongoing support for school-based staff, external partners, and parents in pursuing funding to support Philly public schools. Whether your project is small or big.

please contact The Office of Grant Development

grants@philasd.org





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*. 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, April 14th, 2023

Friday, May 19th, 2023



For more information, please contact The Office of Grant Development
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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!



info@thefundsdp.org



thefundsdp.org



Grant Opportunities

Opportunity: The McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation

Due Date: April 15th, 2023

Eligible Applicants: K-12 Educators

Purpose: The Foundation provides both academic enrichment grants and teacher development grants. The Foundation sponsors proposals that enhance student learning and educational quality, paying particular attention to those that best serve the at-risk and under-funded, including: Curriculum that excites and challenges; inquiry projects that promote reflection and growth; and after-school programs that enrich and inspire. The Foundation partners with individuals to expand educational opportunities for America's youth that inspire students by nurturing their curiosity about the world and their place in it.

Estimated Range of Awards: Up to \$10,000 per year for three consecutive years

Website: <https://mccartheydressman.org/>

Opportunity: Whole Kids Foundation Garden Grant Program

Due Date: March 1st, 2023

Eligible Applicants: Be a charter or public school including tribally controlled and Bureau of Indian Education schools, non-profit private school, a non-profit organization or tribal entity that serves children in the K-12 age range, or a government entity. Must engage at least 10 children on a regular basis and growing edible plants in your garden

Purpose: At Whole Kids Foundation, we know that the more kids know and feel connected to their food, the more curious they become about how things grow or taste, and the more willing they are to try new foods. This is why we believe in edible garden learning spaces!

Estimated Range of Awards: \$3,000

Website: https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/assets/documents/2023-Whole-Kids-Foundation-Garden-Grant-Application_FINAL.pdf



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>

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/>



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>



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Website: <https://mccartheydressman.org/>

Opportunity: Dollar General Summer Reading

Due Date: TBD please check website

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are schools, libraries, and nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations providing direct services and residing within a state in which Dollar General operates.

Purpose: Grant funding supports the creation or expansion of summer reading programs that meet the following criteria: target Pre-K – 12th grade students, target below grade level readers, and assist readers with learning disabilities.

Estimated Range of Awards: Up to \$3,000

Website: <https://www.dgliteracy.org/#summer-reading>



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.

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****

- **2x match Projects for teachers without a fully funded project in Equity Focus Schools:**
<https://help.donorschoose.org/hc/en-us/articles/11008752176279>
- **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 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





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

DonorsChoose

(Teachers and School Staff)

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

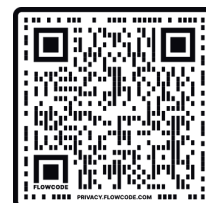


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