

The Office of Grant Development Newsletter

November 2024 Issue

All,

The Office of Grant Development (OGD) is happy to share with you our November edition of the newsletter. Please see below for small grant opportunities, literary resources, and Donorschoose match offers.

Note: Formal central office "approval" to apply for any of the grants listed 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 in your pursuit of additional funding for your school community.

Sincerely,
Michael Sonkowsky,
Deputy Chief, Office of Grant Development

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Grant Opportunities

NOTE: Funders may change their mission, strategy, and target recipients at any time. 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.

Upcoming Deadlines

Opportunity: Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education (SFE)

Due Date: November 15, 2024

Eligible Applicants: Schools, after-school care programs, or youth groups

Purpose: For over 25 years, this Wild Ones donor-funded program has provided small grants for native plant gardens and landscaping projects throughout the US. The funds are designated for acquiring native plants & seeds for outdoor learning areas that engage children, pre-K to high school. Youth must participate directly in planning, planting and caring of the native plant gardens. Applicants encouraged to reach out to local Wild Ones chapter for additional support and resources.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$100-\$500

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

Opportunity: FMFCU Foundation Teacher Mini-Grants

Due Date: November 30, 2024

Eligible Applicants: West Philadelphia or University City School Teachers

Purpose: Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation is awarding one-time mini grants to selected 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

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

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Opportunity: B'NAI BRITH Educators Grant

Due Date: December 1, 2024

Eligible Applicants: Instructional programs at SDP schools

Purpose: The purpose is to provide students with opportunities and/or materials not available within the confines of school budgets. This should include, but is not inclusive of, trips, bus rentals, admission fees, special projects, theater programs, enrichment activities, guest speakers, etc. All grants should align with literacy/history standards to foster the teaching of diversity, inclusiveness and tolerance of religion and minority populations as well as antisemitism and cultural diversity.

Estimated Range of Awards: up to \$500

Website: <https://forms.gle/TxxEPu32pPHmo6JN9>

Questions: Email Suzanne Newman suzienewman@yahoo.com, Barry Drossner drossner@gmail.com, or Betty Klear bgklear@gmail.com.

Opportunity: Kids Gardening -- 2025 Youth Garden Grant

Due Date: *Application opens November 12, 2024. Deadline is December 13, 2024*

Eligible Applicants: schools and youth organizations planning a new garden or expanding an established one

Purpose: The Youth Garden Grant has supported school and youth educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life for students and their communities.

Estimated Range of Awards: 50 programs will receive award packages consisting of a cash prize and a variety of gardening tools and supplies.

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

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Opportunity: FMFCU Foundation Excellence in Teaching Awards

Due Date: December 20, 2024

Eligibility: Nominees must be PA certified K-12 teachers

Purpose: The Delaware Valley Excellence in Teaching Awards, presented by FMFCU Foundation, recognizes 20 outstanding and dedicated teachers the Philadelphia region. Local teachers can be nominated to receive \$1,000 grants towards educational expenses and \$1,000 for their school.

Nominations can be submitted by students, parents, co-workers or supervisors.

Estimated Range of Awards: awards up to \$2,000

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

Opportunity: Bonnie Plants 3rd Grade Cabbage Program

Due Date: *Application opens November 15, 2024.* Deadline is January 15, 2025.

Eligibility: 3rd grade teachers

Purpose: This program offers free cabbages to students in the 3rd grade. The mission is to inspire a love of vegetable gardening in young people, teach kids where their food comes from, and grow our next generation of gardeners. At the end of the season, teachers from each 3rd grade participating class select the student who has grown the “best” cabbage, based on size and appearance. The program then awards a \$1,000 scholarship to one student in each participating state.

Estimated Range of Awards: classroom set of cabbage plants and lessons

Website: <https://cabbageprogram.bonnieplants.com/products/bonnie-3rd-grade-cabbages>

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Opportunity: ACS-Hach Professional Development Grant

Due Date: January 21, 2025

Eligibility: High school chemistry educators

Purpose: The American Chemical Society (ACS) requests applications for the ACSHach Professional Development Grant program. Funding supports high school chemistry teachers as they identify and pursue opportunities that advance their professional development and enhance the teaching and learning of chemistry in their classrooms.

Estimated Range of Awards: Up to \$2,500

Website: <https://www.acs.org/funding/grants/acs-hach-professional-development-grant.html>

Ongoing / Rolling Basis

Principals ONLY - Grants from Elected Officials

We highly encourage principals to reach out to your state representatives to request funding. If you receive a link to apply to a state grant, please reach out to OGD for assistance. The state application may be difficult to complete and our grant-writers can guide you through the process.

Find your PA Legislator:

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/index.cfm>

Opportunity: Karma for Cara Community Service Youth MicroGrant Program

Due Date: January 1st, April 1st, July 1st, & October 1st

Eligible Applicants: Students 18 years of age and under. Must have a teacher/adult advisor for their project.

Purpose: Students may apply to complete service projects in their communities throughout the United States.

Estimated Range of Awards: between \$250-\$1,000

Note: They do not fund stipends, facility rentals, or transportation costs.

Website: <https://karmaforcara.org/microgrant-application>

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Opportunity: Leveling the Playing Field

Due Date: Rolling Basis

Eligible Applicants: K-12 schools and nonprofits serving economically disadvantaged youth

Purpose: Leveling the Playing Field furnishes schools and community organizations with free new and gently-used sports equipment enabling those groups to provide affordable and accessible youth sports activities for their children who otherwise would not have such opportunities.

Estimated Range of Awards: Access to their warehouse space to take new and gently-used equipment on a continuous basis

Website: <https://www.levelingtheplyingfield.org/apply-for-equipment/>

Opportunity: Lovett Fund for Elementary Drama

Due Date: Rolling basis, beginning 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/elementaryDramaFund.html>

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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: \$1000

Website: <https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/philadelphia>

Opportunity: Toshiba America Foundation

Due Date: Ongoing

Eligible Applicants: Teachers of grades K-12

Purpose: Toshiba America Foundation (TAF) grants fund the projects ideas and materials teachers need to innovate in their science, technology, engineering and math classrooms. TAF is interested in funding innovative projects designed by teachers or small teams of teachers for use in their own schools and classroom. Applications must be for project based learning.

They do not consider requests for computer hardware (including computers, laptops, and tablets). Summer programs, after-school projects, and independent study projects are not eligible for funding.

Estimated Range of Awards:

GRADES K-5

Applications for less than \$5,000 are due 10/1.

GRADES 6-12

Applications for less than \$5,000 are due 12/1, 3/1, 6/1, & 9/1

Applications for grants of more than \$5,000 are due 11/1 and 5/1.

Website: <http://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp>

Literacy Resources for Teachers

****Please note that some resources require memberships****

1) The Philly Book Bank

<https://phillybookbank.org/>



The Philly Book Bank is located inside Martin Luther King High School and helps educators get books and resources for their students. Educators can get up to 400 books per school year, as well as supplemental classroom supplies, with a combined value of over \$4,000. **Membership is FREE. Sign up [HERE](#) to be a member.** Book Bank is open on Wednesdays from 3-6pm or by appointment (email anne@phillybookbank.org).

2) 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. Teachers register for a \$25 yearly subscription to pick up books for their classrooms and students at 7300 N. Crescent Blvd, #10 in Pennsauken.

Register [HERE](#).

3) Tree House Book Visits

<https://www.treehousebooks.org/visits-to-the-tree-house-1>



Tree House is a Community Literacy Center headquartered in North Philadelphia on 1430 W. Susquehanna Ave. Tree House is excited to welcome local schools to enjoy a dynamic, customizable field trip experience at their Giving Library. Students participate in fun games, reading exercises, arts and crafts, and more! Plus, every child gets FREE Books to add to their home library. **Sign up [HERE](#) to set up a visit.**

School-Based Staff ONLY: DonorsChoose Match Offers

Make sure to check out this month's DonorsChoose Match Offers for Pennsylvania!

Click here to view offers: <https://www.donorschoose.org/match-offers>

Please note that match offers change frequently

Highlights for October:

- 1) 2x Match on Farm-to-School and School Garden projects
- 2) Smarties Candy Company is supporting select schools with Literacy and Writing projects for grades 6-12
- 3) An Anonymous Supporter is supporting projects from teachers who graduated from Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- 4) Tony the Tiger and Kellogg's Frosted Flakes® matching donations on middle school sports projects

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 & School-facing Staff)

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

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