



Section 2: Grant Writing

Communicating the Need and Applying for Grants

Getting Started

Obtaining funding can be an excellent way to support your school's mission, fill in funding gaps, and institute new programs and initiatives. However, we recognize that writing a grant can seem like a daunting task.

Before getting started here are a few things to consider:

- Has the school created a “wish list” of items for the year? Can any of those needs be met through grant funding?
- What are the school's needs throughout the year? Examples: Will we need new calculators in May for college prep? Could we use more sporting equipment?
- Do we need funds or a donation of material goods to meet needs?
- Is there a special program or small school improvement we would like to see happen at our school?

Identifying gaps in funding, school needs, and special initiatives will help you to narrow your search for grant opportunities, and ensure that your activity is aligned with the school's and network's goals and initiatives.

Searching for and Choosing Grant Opportunities

Searching for grant opportunities and choosing appropriate grant opportunities is often about finding the organization, foundation, or other funder that most closely aligns with your program's and school's mission. Creating a checklist or grid that allows you to mark matches in funding criteria, will help you to quickly identify those opportunities that will be the most worth your valuable time and effort time and effort to pursue based on their likelihood of providing funding.

Common Funding Criteria

- **Grant Type:** grants can be set up in a variety of different ways, and for different purpose. For more information please refer to page 32.
- **Focus/Subject Area:** Does the funder typically fund projects or organizations with similar goals or mission statements? (Ex. Arts, Education, Health Initiatives)
- **Geographic Location:** Does the funder give grants in your area?
- **Dollar Amount:** Does the funder typically fund within the range of the amount you need? If not, are you seeking additional funds?
- **Organization Type:** Does the funder support your type of organization—this can mean the general type--educational, arts and culture—or the legal classification such as 501(c)(3).
- **Relationship:** Does your organization have a relationship with this funder? Are they more or less likely to fund your current project based on past funding history?

Example Grant Research Grid

This grid allows you to compare funders based on how well your program or project matches their funding criteria.

Grant Opportunity/Funder	Funding Criteria					Match Level
	Focus	Geographic	\$	Org Type	Relationship	

Applying for Grants

Common Grant Proposal Components

The outline below describes typical components of a complete grant application. You might find that individual grant makers may choose to request an abbreviated version of this list.

Organizational Information

- Organization Name
- 501(c)3 Status—sometimes documentation is required.
- Organizational Leadership Information
- Organizational/Project Contact Information: Name, e-mail, phone, etc.
- Organizational Mission, Vision, and History/Background

Project or Program Information

- **Project Summary:** A clear short description of the project.
- **Introduction:** often describes the organizational qualifications/history, or why the organization is uniquely positioned around the problem.
- **Problem Statement/Needs Assessment:** a description of the problem or obstacle, and how the organization proposes to meet those challenges. You may also include information about who will benefit from the potential funding.
- **Objectives:** a description of the benefits in tangible and measureable terms.
- **Methods/Approach/Activities:** describe the activities that will allow you to achieve the desired results. This might include a timeline and other activity details.
- **Budget:** a clear outline of all costs associated with the program, with requested contributions from the funder, contributions from the organization, and any other contributed or earned revenue included.
- **Evaluation:** a plan for how you will measure success or gauge how to modify the program for future success. This area can often seem the most intimidating in smaller grant proposals or to those new to grant writing. Some components of an evaluation plan might be:
 - Pre and Post Participant and Volunteer Surveys
 - Attendance or Ticket Sales Numbers
- **Future Funding/Sustainability Plan:** a description of how the program will continue, and what resources might be needed beyond the time frame and funding of this grant.

Application Process

This outline describes the common components of the grant writing process. However, each funder is different and may modify the process to their needs.

- **Grant Announcement:** the funder notifies the public of the grant opportunity, and important deadlines.
- **Invitation/Request for Letter of Inquiry (optional):** some funders will invite organizations to submit a short letter of intent (LOI) which outlines the project or concept in one or two pages. This allows the funder to better see if you are a match before inviting you to complete a much longer application process. Many funders omit this part of the process or will invite select organizations they have a relationship with to submit an LOI, as well as invite the general public to submit proposals.
- **Request for Proposal:** the funder announces or notifies the public that they are not accepting applications for their grant. This piece may be formal—written notification that your organization is invited to submit a proposal—or informal—a notice on their website or in other philanthropy newsletters that the funder is now accepting applications. This step often kicks off the application period.
- **Application Period:** the time frame in which the funder is accepting applications.
- **Application Deadline:** the due date of the grant application.
- **Deliberation Period:** the time after receiving the application the funder needs to review and decide whether to fund the program or not.
- **Notification:** the time at which the funder notifies grant recipients that their application has been reviewed and is being funded. This step is usually formal, and in writing, and may also include a written agreement, and instructions from the funder regarding how to obtain the funds, and report progress.

CICS Organizational Specific Grant Information

In the previous section you saw that common grant components often include organization information. In the case of CICS campuses, this section can often be confusing, as it is important to include both the CICS Network information as well as individual campus information.

Please use the following CICS network organization information, in addition to campus specific information when completing grant applications. If you need any assistance at all please do not hesitate to contact Anne M Kostyo at akostyo@chicagointl.org.

Organization Name

CHICAGO CHARTER SCHOOL FOUNDATION, Also Known As: Chicago International Charter

501(c) (3) Status—sometimes proof is required.

For most grant applications it is enough to list that CICS is in fact a 501(c) (3) organization. If the funder requires further documentation feel free to include:

- Employer Identification Number (EIN): 36-4141583
- Further documentation can be obtained by contacting Anne M Kostyo at akostyo@chicagointl.org

Organizational Leadership Information

- Dr. Elizabeth Purvis, CEO, Chicago International Charter School
- Anne M Kostyo, Development Manager, Chicago International Charter School

CICS Network Office Address (if required)

Chicago International Charter School
11 E. Adams Street, Suite 600
Chicago, IL 60603

CICS Organizational Mission

To provide, through innovation and choice, an attractive and rigorous college-preparatory education that meets the needs of today's students.

CICS Vision, Values, and History

We expect the best of every student and, in turn, provide the support each student needs to achieve their best.

This belief and vision set by our founding Board in 1997, has led to Chicago International becoming the largest charter school operator in Illinois and a frontrunner in thought leadership in the school reform movement. We now operate a network of 16 campuses across the cities of Chicago, and Rockford, serving 9,200 students in K through 12th grade.

We believe that all young people can achieve, when given the right support. This philosophy has led to significant academic results. We are proud to share that, in CICS elementary school campuses that have been opened for three or more years, CICS has closed the achievement gap between CICS students (86% of whom qualify for free/reduced lunch and 96% of whom are African American or Hispanic/Latino) and a national sample of students in grades 1st through 8th in reading and grades 1st through 4th and 6th through 8th in math. CICS high school campuses continue to show significant achievement gains as is demonstrated through high school graduation and college acceptance rates that are higher than open-enrollment district

schools. For example, the 4-year graduation rate for the CICS class of 2011 was 88% with over 94% of the graduates being accepted into college. The long-term vision of CICS is to operate the highest academic performing K-12 continuum of schools in the districts we serve, eradicating the achievement gap and providing graduates with the academic and social-emotional skills required to be successful in a competitive 4-year college or university.

Charter schools are privately managed public schools. CICS is therefore publicly funded, tuition-free, and open to all city children, regardless of income or academic ability. Our student body is demographically similar to Chicago's other public schools; 86% are low-income, 96% are minority, and many are second-language learners and/or have disabilities. As a charter school, however, CICS campuses are funded at a lower rate than traditional Chicago Public Schools, a disparity which we are actively working to remedy through our advocacy efforts.

Grant Types

Below is a list of common types of grants often awarded to nonprofit organizations. Funders may choose to create grants that fall within these categories, combine these categories, or create their own grant type.

Type	Description
Capital or Capital Campaign	Provides support to make significant improvements to an existing structure, or to build a new structure.
Challenge or Matching	This type of opportunity is generally a partnership between a nonprofit and an individual sponsor/donor or matching funder. These grants are awarded based on an amount of money raised by the nonprofit outside of the funder's potential support. If the nonprofit raises the goal amount, the funder will then fund a matching amount—doubling the contribution towards a goal or program.
Facilities or Equipment	A sub-category of a capital grant, provides funding for specific facilities or equipment improvements. Might include general building equipment or improvements for specific facilities initiatives such as to install sustainable energy sources. **Note, all facilities related grants must be created in partnership with the CICS network office. Please contact Development Manager, Anne M Kostyo, akostyo@chicagointl.org for more information.
Micro/Mini Grant	A lower dollar amount grant (usually \$1000.00 or less), that is generally given once. The advantage of this type of grant is that the application process is often very simple or abbreviated, and the time/effort put into applying for and stewarding the grant is very low. These opportunities are often good matches for one time initiatives with high impact.
Operating or General Support	Provides funding for the day-to-day management and running of the nonprofit organization. Subcategories may also exist to fund specific parts of operation such as employee salaries.
Project/Program	A common restricted grant which supports a specific program or project. These grants may support all of a specific project/program, or pieces of a program/project.
Restricted	Funding that is earmarked for a particular use, and must only be utilized for the agreed upon use.
Seed or Start Up	This type of grant is usually a one-time award in support of the start of a new program or initiative.
Unrestricted	Allows nonprofits to utilize the funding where it is most needed in any way that supports the mission, with no focus area or project restriction.

Grant Writing A to Z—a Glossary of Terms

Below you will find common grant terms that you may encounter in the grant writing process.

A

Award

An award is the funder's agreement and notification to contribute the funds applied for towards your project or specific goal. The funder may choose to grant the total amount asked for, or a portion of the amount.

Award Notification

When a funder grants an award they will send an official notification in the form of a contract or letter that also included information on the terms of the award. Both parties are generally expected to sign or agree to the terms of the award before any funds are given to the grantee. This step is usually formal, and in writing, and may also include a written agreement, and instructions from the funder regarding how to obtain the funds, and report progress.

Application Deadline

The due date of the grant application.

Application Period

The time frame in which the funder is accepting applications.

C

Concept paper

See *Letter of Inquiry (LOI)*

D

Deliberation Period

The time after receiving the application the funder needs to review and decide whether to fund the program or not.

Deliverables

Products or outcomes that are produced by the fulfillment of the grant program or project. These are usually measurable to some extent and may be required to be reported to the funder.

E

Evaluation Plan

A plan for how you will measure success or gauge how to modify the program for future success. This area can often seem the most intimidating in smaller grant proposals or to those new to grant writing.

F

Funder

The governmental agency, foundation or other entity that awards grants.

Future Funding

See *Sustainability Plan*.

G

Grant Announcement

The funder notifies the public of the grant opportunity, and important deadlines.

Goals

Clear statements outlined the objectives that you wish to achieve by creating or supporting the your program. They provide direction and guidance to all those involved in fulfilling the grant program.

Grant Seeker

Person or entity applying for the grant.

Grant Period

The period in which, if a grant is awarded, the funds must be utilized.

Grantee

The Individual or entity that has been awarded a grant.

Grantor

See *Funder*.

Guidelines

Procedures for applying for and administering an awarded grant that are outlined by the funder.

L

Letter of Inquiry (LOI)

Some funders will invite organizations to submit a short letter of intent (LOI) which outlines the project or concept in one or two pages. This allows the funder to better see if you are a match before inviting you to complete a much longer application process. Many funders omit this part of the process or will invite select organizations they have a relationship with to submit an LOI, as well as invite the general public to submit proposals.

P

Proposal

The entire written application, with supporting materials, requesting grant funding for your program or initiative.

Q

Qualitative Data or Qualitative Outputs

Usually part of evaluation efforts, this information is generally expressed in non-numerical terms because of the challenge in measuring qualitative. Many people think of this as “satisfaction” or “impressions” from participants and can be obtained through free response questions, interviews, and discussion groups.

Quantitative Data

Information that can be measured and expressed in numerical values, counted, or compared on a scale.

Examples: This information might be obtained through surveys in questions like “..rank your knowledge on a scale...” or in attendance counts or other participation information.

Additional Terms

As you complete more grant applications, we recognize that you may come across more terms.

If you would like to suggest an addition to the glossary, we would love to hear from you!

Please let us know by contacting:

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R

Request for Proposal

The funder announces or notifies the public that they are not accepting applications for their grant. This piece may be formal—written notification that your organization is invited to submit a proposal—or informal—a notice on their website or in other philanthropy newsletters that the funder is now accepting applications. This step often kicks off the application period.

Replicability

Refers to whether or not your program could be repeated or used as a model for other future programming. Some funders might be interested to know whether or not your pilot or initial program could be of use to a larger audience/context. You might include that finding out whether the program is replicable is part of the initiation of the program, or include this information in follow up reports to funders.

S

Selection Criteria

The rubric or process the funder will use to decide who will receive funding.

Sustainability Plan

A description of how the program will continue, and what resources might be needed beyond the time frame and funding of this grant.



School Appropriate Grant Opportunities

School Appropriate Grant Opportunities-Alphabetical

Before applying for grants please contact CICS Development Manager, Anne M Kostyo at akostyo@chicagointl.org.

Company/ Fundraiser	Focus Area	Description of Opportunity	Intended Audience	Deadlines/ Key Dates	Website
American Association of School Librarians (AASL)	Books/Literacy	The AASL Innovative Reading Grant supports the planning and implementation of a unique and innovative program for children which motivates and encourages reading, especially with struggling readers.	This award is to be for a successful reading project that demonstrates the potential for reading improvement in K-9th grade. (See other requirements via website)	February deadline	http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/innovative
Best Buy Children's Foundation	Technology	Community Grants are designed to support local efforts and are reviewed for consideration by Best Buy teams across the United States. The average grant amount is \$5000 and will not exceed \$10,000.	Eligible organization must provide direct services to build technology skills in teens, ages 13-18.	July 1st deadline	http://pr.bby.com/community-grants/
 Chicago Foundation for Education Small Grants	General Education	Small Grants fund the implementation of classroom and school-wide curricular projects that respond to the specific academic, social, and emotional needs of a student population. Grants of up to \$600 are available to fund books, supplies, materials, field trips, or any other items that will deepen student engagement and promote active learning. Provides grants for innovative, creative leadership team building within elementary schools. Apply now for the opportunity to receive a grant for your school. Each grant-winning school (up to 20 grants awarded) receives \$2,500 and Crayola products valued at \$1,000.	All Chicago public school pre K-12 teachers.	Application Available: September, Application Due: November	http://www.cfegrants.org/teachers/small-grants/
Crayola Creative Leadership Grants	Leadership & Personal Development		Elementary school teachers and leadership.	June Deadline	http://www.crayola.com/for-educators/ccac-landing/grant-program.aspx

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Digital Wish	Technology	<p>Digital Wish will contribute \$100 towards each ELMO product purchased for the classroom. Schools and classroom supporters alike can now stretch their funding dollars further to make their favorite educator's technology wishes come true. The TT-02RX document camera is available as a stand-alone item, or included in a choice of two bundles.</p>	K-12	Ongoing	<p>http://www.digitalwish.com/dw/digitalwish/grant_awards</p>
Dollar General Literacy Foundation	Books/Literacy	<p>The Dollar General Literacy Foundation awards grants in support of youth and adult literacy. The Youth Literacy Grant program awards over \$2.5 million annually to approximately 650 schools and nonprofit organizations. Funding is awarded for: Implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs, Purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives, Purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs. Any teacher can use DreamBox online manipulatives free, with an internet connection and an interactive white board or projector – or even just a computer.</p>	Non-profit organizations and public schools may apply.	Application Available in January	<p>http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grant_programs.aspx#ylg</p>
DreamBox Learning	Math & Science	<p>DreamBox has developed a variety of resources to support teachers' professional development and students' mathematical learning.</p>	All Teachers	Ongoing	<p>http://www.dreambox.com/teachertools-match-n-make/</p>

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Ezra Jack Keats Foundation	Literacy and Arts	<p>The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation created a funding initiative called Minigrants, through which awards of \$500 are given to public schools and public libraries for projects that foster creative expression, working together and interaction with a diverse community. They also represent an opportunity for educators, whose efforts are often inadequately funded or recognized, to create special activities outside the standard curriculum and make time to encourage their students.</p> <p>The Finish Line Youth Foundation financially supports opportunities for participation in youth programs that place an importance on youth development and an active lifestyle. Focuses funding on organizations that provide opportunities for youth participation in the following areas: (1) Youth athletic programs - Community-based programs addressing active lifestyle and team building skills. (2) Camps - Established camps with an emphasis on sports and active lifestyle, especially programs serving disadvantaged and special needs kids.</p>	Non-profit organizations and public schools may apply.	Ongoing	http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/minigrant-program/
Finish Line Youth Foundation	Athletics & Healthy Lifestyle	<p>The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation created a funding initiative called Minigrants, through which awards of \$500 are given to public schools and public libraries for projects that foster creative expression, working together and interaction with a diverse community. They also represent an opportunity for educators, whose efforts are often inadequately funded or recognized, to create special activities outside the standard curriculum and make time to encourage their students.</p> <p>The Finish Line Youth Foundation financially supports opportunities for participation in youth programs that place an importance on youth development and an active lifestyle. Focuses funding on organizations that provide opportunities for youth participation in the following areas: (1) Youth athletic programs - Community-based programs addressing active lifestyle and team building skills. (2) Camps - Established camps with an emphasis on sports and active lifestyle, especially programs serving disadvantaged and special needs kids.</p>	Schools, teachers	Application periods in: January 1 – March 31; April 1 – June 30; July 1 – September 30; Oct 1 – December 31	http://www.finishline.com/store/youthfoundation/youthfoundation.jsp

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Company/ Fundraiser	Focus Area	Description of Opportunity	Intended Audience	Deadlines/ Key Dates	Website
<p>Foundation for Technology and Engineering Educators</p>	<p>Technology</p>	<p>The grant is for a technology and engineering teacher at any grade level (K-12). Its purpose is to recognize and encourage the integration of a quality technology and engineering education program within the school curriculum. Criteria include: (1) evidence of an effective quality technology and engineering education program, (2) documented success in the integration of technology and engineering education with other academic subjects, and (3) plans for professional development via the anticipated grant. Program Grant funds provide support to established not-for-profit organizations that make a significant local, regional, or statewide impact on the quality of life in Illinois. Grants recognize arts programming of high quality that is appropriate to and reflective of the communities served and that broaden opportunities for the public to participate in the arts.</p>	<p>To be eligible, applicants must be teachers (elementary or secondary) who are successfully integrating technology and engineering education within their school's curriculum. In addition, teachers must be ITEEA members and be registered for the ITEEA annual conference. Membership materials may be enclosed with the scholarship application.</p>	<p>December 1st deadline</p>	<p>http://www.iteea.org/Awards/awards.htm</p>
<p>IL Arts Council: Program Grant</p>	<p>Arts and Culture</p>	<p>Successful applicants demonstrate strong operations, stable management, ongoing assessment and evaluation and a strong commitment to making artistic programs accessible and relevant to a diverse range of participants.</p> <p>Organizations must also show that their programs and activities have artistic, educational, and cultural value.</p>	<p>Contact CICS network office for more information.</p>	<p>March deadline</p>	<p>http://www.arts.illinois.gov/Program%20Grant%20Overview</p>

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<p>ING Run for Something Better School Awards Program (in association with ING Run for Something Better School Awards Program (in association with National Association for Sports and Physical Education)</p>	<p>Athletics & Healthy Lifestyle; Playground</p>	<p>The awards program will provide a minimum of fifty (50) grants up to \$2,500 for each school that desires to establish a school based running program or expand an existing one.</p>	<p>School based, running programs.</p>	<p>May Deadline</p>	<p>http://naspe.confex.com/naspe/2013/cfp.cgi</p>
<p>ING Unsung Heroes Program</p>	<p>General Education</p>	<p>Each year, 100 educators are selected to receive \$2,000 to help fund their innovative class projects. Three of those are chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000.</p>	<p>All K-12 education professionals, whether or not they are clients of ING, are eligible. Specifically, these individuals must be: (1) Employed by an accredited K-12 public or private school located in the United States (2) • Full-time educators, teachers; (3) principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff with effective projects that improve student learning</p>	<p>Application Available in June</p>	<p>http://ing.us/about-ing/responsibility/childrens-education/ing-unsung-heroes</p>
<p>Interactive Intelligence Foundation</p>	<p>STEM</p>	<p>Fostering life improvements for at-risk youth through science and technology. Awards grants up to \$10,000.</p>	<p>Schools</p>	<p>November Deadline</p>	<p>http://interactivefoundation.org/request-for-funds/</p>

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<p>KaBOOM!- Let's Play! Spruce Grants/Maintenance Grants</p>	<p>Athletics & Healthy Lifestyle, Playground</p>	<p>Attention all playground owners! Thanks to generous support from Dr Pepper Snapple Group, KaBOOM! will be awarding grants of \$750 each to communities this year who wish to make their playgrounds cleaner, safer and more inviting. Act now so you can receive one of these sought after grants.</p> <p>The LetJs Play Spruce grants are designed to reward communities that have maintained and spruced their playspaces since their playground build. Through this application, communities must demonstrate that they have maintained their playspace and they have led an improvement project in the last 60 days. Communities that demonstrate this will receive a \$750 gift card to further enhance or improve their playspace.</p>	<p>Schools at which a KaBOOM! playground build has previously taken place.</p>	<p>Contact network office for more information in May.</p>	<p>http://kaboom.org/documents/pdf/Lets-Play-Spruce-Grant-App6.pdf</p>
<p>Kinder Morgan Foundation</p>	<p>General Education</p>	<p>The Kinder Morgan Foundation believes that today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, and our mission is to provide them with opportunities to learn and grow. Our goal is to help today's science, math and music students become the engineers, educators and musicians who will support our diverse communities for many years to come. To accomplish this goal, we fund programs that promote the academic and artistic interests of young people in the many cities and towns across North America where Kinder Morgan operates.</p>	<p>Schools</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>http://www.kindermorgan.com/community/km_foundation_guidelines.cfm</p>

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Kitchen Gardeners International Sow It Forward Food Garden Grants	Nutrition; Sustainability	<p>Grants of \$600 for: The \$600 grant consists of: (1) \$300 cash grant paid in two installments; (2) \$200 gift card to Gardeners Supply Co; (3) \$55 vegetable seed (non-GMO, non-hybrid) package from the Ark Institute (4) \$25 one-year subscription to KGI's online garden planner courtesy of GrowVeg.com;</p>	<p>The grant is for nonprofit causes (schools, churches, food pantries, community gardens, senior programs, etc.) interested in starting or expanding food garden projects that are of general benefit to their community.</p>	December deadline	<p>http://kgi.org/sow-it-forward</p>
Kohl's Cares Scholarship	Community	<p>Kohls scholarship program offers scholarships for college, for outstanding youth ages 6 -18 who make their communities better. If you know a student who is making a difference, then nominate them to receive this award. These awards are given at 3 levels: store winners, regional winners, and national winners.</p>	Students	March 15th Deadline	<p>http://www.kohlscorporation.com/communityrelations/scholarship/</p>
Laura Bush Foundation Library Grant	Books/Literacy	<p>\$5,000 library grant: The Laura Bush Foundation is accepts applications for grants of up to \$5,000 to update, extend, and diversify the book collections of the school libraries that receive them. Funds are exclusively dedicated to the purchase of library books and magazine/serial copies and subscriptions. Preference is given to schools in which 90% or more of the students receive free or reduced priced lunch.</p>	Schools. Must have a physical space dedicated to library and a person responsible for maintaining (please see website for more detail).	Application Available in October	<p>http://www.laurabushfoundation.com/</p>

School Appropriate Grant Opportunities Continued

Company/ Fundraiser	Focus Area	Description of Opportunity	Intended Audience	Deadlines/ Key Dates	Website
LEGO Children's Fund Grants	General Education	<p>The LEGO Children's Fund will provide quarterly grants for programs, either in part or in total, with a special interest paid to collaborative efforts and in providing matching funds to leverage new dollars into the receiving organization. We will give priority consideration to programs that both meet our goals and are supported in volunteer time and effort by our employees. There are no restrictions on grant amounts up to the quarterly allocation. Typical awards, however are between USD \$500 and USD \$5,000. LEGO Group would like to help children to develop their creativity and learning through play. We focus our Charity Activities on children who due to illness or their social status have limited possibilities for play experiences. LEGO believes that donations can help children to develop their play, creativity and learning. Up to \$5,000 to provide the tools that help our educators and parent groups through today's challenging times efficiently, while providing the greatest impact, with basic necessities taking priority.</p>	<p>Tax-exempt organizations (as determined under section 501(c) (3)-teachers/administrators can use CICS not-for-profit designation to apply by coordinating with CICS.</p>	<p>Quarterly, on the 15th of January, April, July, & October</p>	<p>http://www.legochildrensfund.org/Guidelines.html</p>
LEGO Systems Inc. Product Donations	General Education	<p>LEGO Group would like to help children to develop their play, creativity and learning. Up to \$5,000 to provide the tools that help our educators and parent groups through today's challenging times efficiently, while providing the greatest impact, with basic necessities taking priority.</p>	<p>Non-profit organizations.</p>	<p>No deadline.</p>	<p>http://aboutus.lego.com/en-us/lego%20group/charity.aspx</p>
Lowes Toolbox for Education grants	General Education	<p>Up to \$5,000 to provide the tools that help our educators and parent groups through today's challenging times efficiently, while providing the greatest impact, with basic necessities taking priority.</p>	<p>Schools, parent groups.</p>	<p>The Fall grant cycle will open mid-July and close October</p>	<p>http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/</p>
Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy	Math & Science	<p>The Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy (co-founded by PGA golfer Phil Mickelson) invites 100 teachers from across the country to attend a week-long, all-expense-paid, intensive professional development program at the Liberty Science Center in NJ. Academy content was developed in partnership with the National Science Teachers Association and Math Solutions.</p>	<p>3rd- 5th grade math and science teachers.</p>	<p>Summer Deadline</p>	<p>http://www.sendmyteacher.com/index.html</p>

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National Gardening Association & Jamba Juice: It's All About the Fruits and Veggies Grant	Nutrition; Sustainability	<p>The program will award twenty grant recipients with a check for \$150 to be used to purchase soil amendments and fruit and vegetable plantings and \$350 in gardening supplies, including composter, planters, tools, and a curriculum guide from the Gardening with Kids Shop. The total award package is valued at more than \$500.</p>	<p>Grants are available to schools, community organizations, and nonprofit programs in the United States gardening with at least fifteen children between the ages of 3 and 18. Schools must be located within a fifty-mile radius of a Jamba Juice store.</p>	February deadline	<p>http://www.kidsgarden.org/node/61894</p>
Oppenheimer Family Foundation: Teacher Incentive Grant (TIG)	General Education	<p>Requests may be up to \$2,000 per project and applications should describe creative educational opportunities through project-based learning that enhance and go beyond. The project should end with some kind of culminating activity</p> <p>Pets in the Classroom: Pets in the Classroom now offers four different grant opportunities for elementary school teachers. The program's original grant is the Rebate Grant, which provides teachers with the opportunity to purchase a new classroom pet and supplies valued at \$100 (small animal and bird) or \$150 (fish and reptile) and receive reimbursement from the program for their purchase. Teachers with existing classroom pets can be reimbursed \$50 each year by applying for the program's sustaining grant.</p>	<p>All certified CPS/charter personnel are eligible to apply, including administrators, counselors and social workers from pre-kindergarten through grade 12</p>	October deadline	<p>http://www.offtig.org/teachersarea/index.php</p>
PetCo	Other	<p>\$1,000-\$10,000; most between \$1,000-\$3,000- Rock For Reading targets organizations that focus on functional literacy programs as well as those that encourage a culture of reading. Rock For Reading supports standalone reading and literacy programs as well as public, school and in-class libraries.</p>	K-8	Ongoing	<p>http://www.petsintheclassroom.org</p>
Rock for Reading	Books/Literacy	<p>Grants are awarded to U.S. based groups that support our mission to fight the rising tide of illiteracy and renew interest in reading.</p>		Grants are generally awarded once a year and proposals are accepted on a rolling basis.	<p>http://www.rockforreading.org/grants/about-grants</p>

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Salad Bars to Schools	Nutrition	Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools is a comprehensive grassroots public health effort to mobilize and engage stakeholders at the local, state and national level to support salad bars in schools.	School Superintendent/Director, and Food Service Manager	Rolling Application Process—consult with campus FSP manager.	http://saladbars2schools.org/
Shell Science Lab Challenge	Math & Science	The Shell Science Lab Challenge gives you an opportunity to share your exemplary approach for a chance to win a school science lab makeover support package valued at \$20,000	Middle and high school science teachers (Grades 6–12) in the United States and Canada (with special attention to urban and underrepresented groups).	December deadline	http://www.nsta.org/hellsciencelab/
Stanley Security Solutions	Security	Schools can be nominated to receive a new security system from Stanley Security through nominating your school and then voting for it. The schools with the most votes wins.	Schools	October deadline	http://www.stanleysecuritysolutions.com/education-resources
Target Arts Culture and Design Grants	Arts and Culture	Each Arts, Culture & Design in Schools Grant is \$2,000. We accept grant applications between noon CST March 1 and noon CST April 30 each year. Target funds in-school arts programs that enhance students' classroom curricula by bringing the arts and cultural experiences to schools, such as in-school performances, artist-in-residency programs and workshops in schools. Programs must take place between September 2013 and August 2014.	Any program that provides arts and culture to schools—either in the classroom or through experience.	March/ April	https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/arts-culture-design-in-schools-grants
Target Early Childhood Reading Grants	Books/Literacy	Each Early Childhood Reading Grant is \$2,000. We accept grant applications between noon CST March 1 and noon CST April 30 each year. Target funds programs that foster a love of reading and encourage young children, preschool through third grade, to read together with their families. Reading grants support programs such as library storytimes and family reading nights.	Preschool through third grade	March/April	https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/early-childhood-reading-grants

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Target Field Trip Grants	Field Trips	<p>As part of the program, Target stores award Field Trip Grants to K-12 schools nationwide. Each grant is valued up to \$700. We accept grant applications between noon CST Aug. 1 and noon CST Sept. 30.</p> <p>The Foundation distributes a series of monthly \$1,000 grants to projects and their creators. The money is pooled together from the coffers of ten or so self-organizing "micro-trustees" and given upfront in cash, check, or gold doubloons. Each chapter meets monthly to select a project to fund. By consensus, trustees determine which project to fund, and the \$1,000 fellowship is distributed accordingly. There are no oversight restrictions after award of grant.</p>	K-12 Schools Nationwide	41547	https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/field-trip-grants
The Awesome Foundation	General Education	<p>Anyone who wears a sports bra understands what a huge difference it can make. Unfortunately, a lot of girls out there haven't had that opportunity. Enter the Bra Brigade, which supports (literally!) at-risk girls by providing them with sports bras from Title Nine. Quality bras mean more than just comfort. They mean better focus and performance, eyes on the ball and minds in the game.</p>	The Awesome Foundation is open to all people and organizations. There are no prerequisites to apply (beyond, of course, being awesome).	monthly grant cycles	<p>www.awesomechicago.org</p>
Title Nine, Bra Brigade	Athletics & Healthy Lifestyle	<p>Unfortunatly, a lot of girls out there haven't had that opportunity. Enter the Bra Brigade, which supports (literally!) at-risk girls by providing them with sports bras from Title Nine. Quality bras mean more than just comfort. They mean better focus and performance, eyes on the ball and minds in the game.</p>	Female athletics, and sporting programs and organizations.	Ongoing	http://www.titlenine.com/category/starting+block.do?code=P23EM_WOW-ZIP&rmid=130213_WOW&ruid=58614598#bra

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Title Nine, Poster Girls	Athletics & Healthy Lifestyle	<p>Maybe you've got a classroom, a gym or a weight room which could use a few more images of women, of the clothed and competent kind, on the walls. That's where our Poster Girl program comes in. It's designed to get our older retail posters out of the stores and into locker rooms and gyms.</p> <p>As you look through our catalog or browse our website or retail stores, chances are you'll notice our "model" photography. Shots of real women, with real bodies, being real athletes. These women are our friends, and friends of friends, ordinary women doing extraordinary things. They are our kind of Poster Girl and we'd love to share them with you.</p>	K-12 Schools Nationwide	Ongoing	<p>http://www.titlenine.com/category/starting+block.do?code=P23EM_WOW-ZIP&rmid=130213_WOW&rriid=58614598#poster</p>
Title Nine, Starting Block	Athletics & Healthy Lifestyle	<p>We provide funds for small grassroots organizations that are good at getting these girls off the sidelines and onto the fields. Grants generally range between \$2,000.00 and \$5,000.00</p>	Small grassroots programming that significantly effects or creates opportunities for girls. Could be appropriate for teachers, SMO's, parent groups, and community groups, wanting to fund all or part of a girls based sporting initiative.	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Application process is very simple—one page via e-mail to startingblock@titlenine.com	<p>http://www.titlenine.com/category/starting+block.do?code=P23EM_WOW-ZIP&rmid=130213_WOW&rriid=58614598</p>
Toshiba America Foundation: Grants for grades 6-12	Math & Science	Toshiba America Foundation accepts applications for grants of up to \$5,000 from teachers who are passionate about making science and mathematics more engaging for their students.	Any 6-12 classroom teachers who are passionate about making science and mathematics more engaging for their students.	6-12 Grant requests for \$5,000 or less are accepted on a rolling basis, throughout the calendar year. 6-12 Grant requests for \$5,000 or more are accepted and reviewed twice a year - August 1 st and February 1st each year.	<p>http://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp</p>

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Toshiba America Foundation: Grants for grades K-5	General Education	<p>K-5 grade teachers are invited to apply on-line for a \$1,000 Toshiba America Foundation grant to help bring an innovative hands-on project into their own classroom.</p>	Classroom teachers in grades K-5.	Grant applications are due on OCTOBER 1st each year.	http://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp
 Walmart Local Giving Program	General Education; Sustainability, Nutrition	<p>The Local Giving Program awards grants of \$250 to \$2,500 through every Walmart store, Sam's Clubs and Logistics facilities. The guidelines for funding eligibility are pretty flexible as long as they fit into one of the following areas: Education and Youth Success, Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating, Sustainability, Women's Economic Empowerment or Career Opportunities</p> <p>The School Garden Grant Program is a collaboration between Whole Kids Foundation and FoodCorps to fund school gardens, new or existing, and related activities. A school garden is a vital education tool - every seed planted sprouts a new opportunity for kids to cultivate healthy eating habits. To apply for our support, begin or login below</p>	A K-12 public or private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university;	December 1st deadline—visit the manager personally!	http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving
Whole Kids Foundation (part of WholeFoods)	Nutrition; Sustainability	<p>The School Garden Grant Program is a collaboration between Whole Kids Foundation and FoodCorps to fund school gardens, new or existing, and related activities. A school garden is a vital education tool - every seed planted sprouts a new opportunity for kids to cultivate healthy eating habits. To apply for our support, begin or login below</p>	K-12 teachers, and school leaders.	Rolling Deadline	http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/mission-values/caring-communities/whole-kids-foundation
Youth Service America Grants	Service Opportunities	<p>Multiple grants supporting mostly service projects: Increased student engagement (\$1,500), Service day grants (between \$1,000- \$4,000).</p>	Various applicant requirements- some K-12, other, teen-only.	All deadlines in June or July	http://www.ysa.org/grants

School Appropriate Grant Opportunities-Organized by Focus Area

Before applying for grants please contact CICS Development Manager, Anne M Kostyo at akostyo@chicagointl.org.

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American Association of School Librarians (AASL)	Books/Literacy	The AASL Innovative Reading Grant supports the planning and implementation of a unique and innovative program for children which motivates and encourages reading, especially with struggling readers.	This award is to be for a successful reading project that demonstrates the potential for reading improvement in K-9th grade. (See other requirements via website)	February 1, 2014	http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/innovative
IL Arts Council: Program Grant	Arts and Culture	General Operating Support is available for arts organizations and organizations with significant arts programming and may be used for any allowable expenses. Project Support is most appropriate for projects that are outside of the organization's established arts discipline or for organizations with limited arts programming. Grant funds may only be used for expenses related to the artistic project described. Financial support is available in the following areas: Arts-in-Education, Dance, Ethnic and Folk Arts, Literature, Local Arts Agencies, Media Arts, Multi-Disciplinary, Music, Presenters Development, Theater, Visual Arts.	Applicants must be registered with Duns and Bradstreet and have a DUNS (data universal numbering system) number. All applicants are required to participate in the Illinois Cultural Data Project.	March deadline	http://ing.us/about-citizenship/childrens-education/ing-unsung-heroes

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Target Arts Culture and Design Grants	Arts and Culture	Each Arts, Culture & Design in Schools Grant is \$2,000. We accept grant applications between noon CST March 1 and noon CST April 30 each year. Target funds in-school arts programs that enhance students' classroom curricula by bringing the arts and cultural experiences to schools, such as in-school performances, artist-in-residency programs and workshops in schools. Programs must take place between September 2013 and August 2014.	Any program that provides arts and culture to schools—either in the classroom or through experience.	April	http://www.awesomefoundation.org/en
Finish Line Youth Foundation	Athletics & Healthy Lifestyle	The Finish Line Youth Foundation financially supports opportunities for participation in youth programs that place an importance on youth development and an active lifestyle. Focuses funding on organizations that provide opportunities for youth participation in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth athletic programs - - Community-based programs addressing active lifestyle and team building skills. - Camps - Established camps with an emphasis on sports and active lifestyle, especially programs serving disadvantaged and special needs kids. 	SMOs, school director, teacher group, parent group.	Application periods in: January 1 – March 31, § April 1 – June 30, July 1 – September 30, Oct 1 – December 31	http://www.arts.illinois.gov/Program %20Grant%20Overview
Title Nine, Starting Block	Athletics & Healthy Lifestyle	We provide funds for small grassroots organizations that are good at getting these girls off the sidelines and onto the fields. Grants generally range between \$2,000.00 and \$5,000.00	Small grassroots programming that significantly effects or creates opportunities for girls. Could be appropriate for teachers, SMO's, parent groups, and community groups, wanting to fund all or part of a girls based sporting initiative.	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Application process is very simple—one page via e-mail to startingblock@title nine.com	http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving

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KaBOOM!- Let's Play! Spruce Grants/Mainten ance Grants	Athletics & Healthy Lifestyle, Playground	http://www.communitydayevent.com/	Schools at which a KaBOOM! playground build has previously taken place.	Applications due in May	http://www.laurabushfoundation.com/
ING Run for Something Better School Awards Program (in association with NAPSE)	Athletics & Healthy Lifestyle; Playground	The awards program will provide a minimum of fifty (50) grants up to \$2,500 for each school that desires to establish a school based running program or expand an existing one.	School based, running programs.	May Deadline	http://kaboom.org/docs/documents/pdf/Lets-Play-Spruce-Grant-App6.pdf
American Association of School Librarians (AASL)	Books/Literacy	The AASL Innovative Reading Grant supports the planning and implementation of a unique and innovative program for children which motivates and encourages reading, especially with struggling readers.	This award is to be for a successful reading project that demonstrates the potential for reading improvement in K-9th grade. (See other requirements via website)	February 1, 2014	http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/innovative
Dollar General Literacy Foundation	Books/Literacy	The Dollar General Literacy Foundation awards grants in support of youth and adult literacy. The Youth Literacy Grant program awards over \$2.5 million annually to approximately 650 schools and NPO's. Funding is awarded for: Implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs, Purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives, Purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs.	Non-profit organizations and public schools may apply.	2014 application information will be available in January 2014	http://www.finishline.com/store/youthfoundation.jsp

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Laura Bush Foundation Library Grant	Books/Literacy	\$5,000 library grant: The Laura Bush Foundation is accepts applications for grants of up to \$5,000 to update, extend, and diversify the book collections of the school libraries that receive them. Funds are exclusively dedicated to the purchase of library books and magazine/serial copies and subscriptions (no staff, furniture, shelving, etc.) Preference is given to schools in which 90% or more of the students receive free or reduced lunches – BASIL, LARRY HAWKINS, PRAIRIE, WASHINGTON PARK & WEST BELDEN.	SMOs, development contacts, school directors and librarians at all campuses with a FRL% > 80%.	Application for 2014 will be available on the website on October 1st, and Due on December 1st	http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/
Rock for Reading	Books/Literacy	\$1,000-\$10,000; most between \$1,000-\$3,000- Rock For Reading targets organizations that focus on functional literacy programs as well as those that encourage a culture of reading. Rock For Reading supports standalone reading and literacy programs as well as public, school and in-class libraries.	Grants are awarded to groups that support our mission to fight the rising tide of illiteracy and renew interest in reading.	Grants are generally awarded once a year and proposals are accepted on a rolling basis.	https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/arts-culture-design-in-schools-grants
Target Early Childhood Reading Grants	Books/Literacy	Each Early Childhood Reading Grant is \$2,000. We accept grant applications between noon CST March 1 and noon CST April 30 each year. Target funds programs that foster a love of reading and encourage young children, preschool through third grade, to read together with their families. Reading grants support programs such as library storytimes and family reading nights. Programs must take place between September 2013 and August 2014.	Preschool through third grade	April	http://www.titlenine.com/category/startling+block.do?code=P23EM_WOW_ZIP&rmid=130213_WOW&rrid=58614598

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Target Field Trip Grants	Field Trips	As part of the program, Target stores award Field Trip Grants to K-12 schools nationwide. Each grant is valued up to \$700. We accept grant applications between noon CST Aug. 1 and noon CST Sept. 30.	K-12 Schools Nationwide	41547	http://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp
 Chicago Foundation for Education Small Grants	General Education	Small Grants fund the implementation of classroom and school-wide curricular projects that respond to the specific academic, social, and emotional needs of a student population. Grants of up to \$600 are available to fund books, supplies, materials, field trips, or any other items that will deepen student engagement and promote active learning.	All Chicago public school pre K-12 teachers.	Application Available: September, Application Due: November	http://www.cfegrants.org/teachers/small-grants/
ING Unsung Heroes Program	General Education	Each year, 100 educators are selected to receive \$2,000 to help fund their innovative class projects. Three of those are chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000.	All K-12 education professionals, whether or not they are clients of ING, are eligible. Specifically, these individuals must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed by an accredited K-12 public or private school located in the United States • Full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff with effective projects that improve student learning 	New application is available June 2013	http://kqi.org/sow-it-forward

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LEGO Children's Fund	General Education	The LEGO Children's Fund will provide quarterly grants for programs, either in part or in total, with a special interest paid to collaborative efforts and in providing matching funds to leverage new dollars into the receiving organization. We will give priority consideration to programs that both meet our goals and are supported in volunteer time and effort by our employees. There are no restrictions on grant amounts up to the quarterly allocation. Typical awards, however are between USD \$500 and USD \$5,000.	Tax-exempt organizations (as determined under section 501(c)(3)- teachers/administrators can use CICS not-for-profit designation to apply by coordinating with CICS.	Quarterly, on the 15th of January, April, July, & October	http://www.sendmyteacher.com/index.html
Lowes Toolbox for Education grants	General Education	Up to \$5,000 to provide the tools that help our educators and parent groups through today's challenging times efficiently, while providing the greatest impact, with basic necessities taking priority.	SMOs, school director, teacher group, parent group	The Fall grant cycle will open mid-July and close October	http://grants.kidsgardening.org/its-all-about-fruit-and-veggies
Oppenheimer Family Foundation: Teacher Incentive Grant (TIG)	General Education	Requests may be up to \$2,000 per project and applications should describe creative educational opportunities through project-based learning that enhance and go beyond. The project should end with some kind of culminating activity	All certified CPS/charter personnel are eligible to apply, including administrators, counselors and social workers from pre-kindergarten through grade 12	October deadline	http://saladbars2schools.org/
 The Awesome Foundation	General Education	The Foundation distributes a series of monthly \$1,000 grants to projects and their creators. The money is pooled together from the coffers of ten or so self-organizing "micro-trustees" and given upfront in cash, check, or gold doubloons. Each chapter meets monthly to select a project to fund. By consensus, trustees determine which project to fund, and the \$1,000 fellowship is distributed accordingly. There are no oversight restrictions after award of grant.	The Awesome Foundation is open to all people and organizations. There are no prerequisites to apply (beyond, of course, being awesome).	monthly grant cycles	http://www.toshiba.com/taf/k5.jsp

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Toshiba America Foundation: Grants for grades K-5	General Education	K-5 grade teachers are invited to apply on-line for a \$1,000 Toshiba America Foundation grant to help bring an innovative hands-on project into their own classroom.	Classroom teachers in grades K-5.	Grant applications are due on OCTOBER 1st each year.	http://www.ysa.org/grants
 Walmart Local Giving Program	General Education; Sustainability, Nutrition	The Local Giving Program awards grants of \$250 to \$2,500 through every Walmart store, Sam's Clubs and Logistics facilities. The guidelines for funding eligibility are pretty flexible as long as they fit into one of the following areas: Education and Youth Success, Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating, Sustainability, Women's Economic Empowerment or Career Opportunities	A K-12 public or private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university;	December 1st deadline	http://www.petsintheclassroom.org
Crayola Creative Leadership Grants	Leadership & Personal Development	Provides grants for innovative, creative leadership team building within elementary schools. Apply now for the opportunity to receive a grant for your school. Each grant-winning school (up to 20 grants awarded) receives \$2,500 and Crayola products valued at \$1,000.	Elementary school teachers and leadership.	June Deadline	http://www.crayola.com/for-educators/ccac-landing/grant-program.aspx
DreamBox Learning	Math & Science	Any teacher can use DreamBox online manipulatives free, with an internet connection and an interactive white board or projector – or even just a computer. DreamBox has developed a variety of resources to support teachers' professional development and students' mathematical learning.	All Teachers	Ongoing	http://www.iteea.org/Awards/grantheart.htm

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Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy	Math & Science	The Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy (co-founded by PGA golfer Phil Mickelson) invites 100 teachers from across the country to attend a week-long, all-expense-paid, intensive professional development program at the Liberty Science Center in NJ. Academy content was developed in partnership with the National Science Teachers Association and Math Solutions.	SMOs, school directors, 3rd- 5th grade math and science teachers.	deadlines for the 2014 summer program have not year been released	http://www.offtig.org/teachersarea/index.php
Shell Science Lab Challenge	Math & Science	The Shell Science Lab Challenge gives you an opportunity to share your exemplary approach for a chance to win a school science lab makeover support package valued at \$20,000	Middle and high school science teachers (Grades 6–12) in the United States and Canada (with special attention to urban and underrepresented groups).	December deadline	https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/field-trip-grants
Toshiba America Foundation: Grants for grades 6-12	Math & Science	Toshiba America Foundation accepts applications for grants of up to \$5,000 from teachers who are passionate about making science and mathematics more engaging for their students.	Any 6-12 classroom teachers who are passionate about making science and mathematics more engaging for their students.	6-12 Grant requests for \$5,000 or less are accepted on a rolling basis, throughout the calendar year. 6-12 Grant requests for \$5,000 or more are accepted and reviewed twice a year - August 1st and February 1st each year.	https://www.gdg.d/prod1/portal/portal.jsp?c=1319602&p=6258602&q=6258622&d=6258622
Salad Bars to Schools	Nutrition	Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools is a comprehensive grassroots public health effort to mobilize and engage stakeholders at the local, state and national level to support salad bars in schools.	School Superintendent/Director, and Food Service Manager	Rolling Application Process	https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/early-childhood-reading-grants

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<p>Kitchen Gardeners International Sow It Forward Food Garden Grants</p>	<p>Nutrition; Sustainability</p>	<p>Grants of \$600 for: The \$600 grant consists of: \$300 cash grant paid in two installments \$200 gift card to Gardeners Supply Co \$55 vegetable seed (non-GMO, non-hybrid) package from the Ark Institute \$25 one-year subscription to KGI's online garden planner courtesy of GrowVeg.com \$20 value garden book via Story Publishing.</p>	<p>The grant is for nonprofit causes (schools, churches, food pantries, community gardens, senior programs, etc.) interested in starting or expanding food garden projects that are of general benefit to their community.</p>	<p>December deadline</p>	<p>http://www.legochildrensfund.org/Guidelines.html</p>
<p>National Gardening Association & Jamba Juice: It's All About the Fruits and Veggies Grant</p>	<p>Nutrition; Sustainability</p>	<p>The program will award twenty grant recipients with a check for \$150 to be used to purchase soil amendments and fruit and vegetable plantings and \$350 in gardening supplies, including composter, planters, tools, and a curriculum guide from the Gardening with Kids Shop. The total award package is valued at more than \$500.</p>	<p>Grants are available to schools, community organizations, and nonprofit programs in the United States gardening with at least fifteen children between the ages of 3 and 18. Schools must be located within a fifty-mile radius of a Jamba Juice store.</p>	<p>February deadline</p>	<p>http://www.rockforreading.org/grants/about-grants</p>
<p>Whole Kids Foundation (part of WholeFoods)</p>	<p>Nutrition; Sustainability</p>	<p>The School Garden Grant Program is a collaboration between Whole Kids Foundation and FoodCorps to fund school gardens, new or existing, and related activities. A school garden is a vital education tool - every seed planted sprouts a new opportunity for kids to cultivate healthy eating habits. To apply for our support, begin or login below</p>	<p>K-12 teachers, and school leaders.</p>	<p>Rolling Deadline</p>	<p>http://www.digitalwish.com/dw/digitalwish/home</p>

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PetCo	Other	<p>Pets in the Classroom: Pets in the Classroom now offers four different grant opportunities for elementary school teachers. The program's original grant is the Rebate Grant, which provides teachers with the opportunity to purchase a new classroom pet and supplies valued at \$100 (small animal and bird) or \$150 (fish and reptile) and receive reimbursement from the program for their purchase. Teachers with existing classroom pets can be reimbursed \$50 each year by applying for the program's sustaining grant.</p>	K-8	Ongoing	http://www.nsta.org/shellsciencelab/
Youth Service America Grants	Service Opportunities	<p>Multiple grants supporting mostly service projects: Increased student engagement (\$1,500), Service day grants (between \$1,000- \$4,000). Currently 5 active opportunities.</p>	Various applicant requirements- some K-12, other teen-only.	All deadlines in June or July	http://www.dreambox.com/teachertools-match-n-make/
Best Buy Children's Foundation	Technology	<p>Community Grants are designed to support local efforts and are reviewed for consideration by Best Buy teams across the United States. The average grant amount is \$5000 and will not exceed \$10,000. Applicants must have tax-exempt status and give teens access to opportunities through technology.</p>	Eligible organization must provide direct services to build technology skills in teens, ages 13-18.	July 1st deadline	http://pr.bby.com/community-grants/
Digital Wish	Technology	<p>Digital Wish will contribute \$100 towards each ELMO product purchased for the classroom. Schools and classroom supporters alike can now stretch their funding dollars further to make their favorite educator's technology wishes come true. The TT-02RX document camera is available as a stand-alone item, or included in a choice of two bundles.</p>	K-12	Ongoing	http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grantprograms.aspx#ylog

School Appropriate Grant Opportunities Continued

Company/ Fundraiser	Focus Area	Description of Opportunity	Intended Audience/ Applicants	Deadlines/ Key Dates	Website
<p>Foundation for Technology and Engineering Educators</p>	<p>Technology</p>	<p>The grant is for a technology and engineering teacher at any grade level (K-12). Its purpose is to recognize and encourage the integration of a quality technology and engineering education program within the school curriculum. Criteria include: (1) evidence of an effective quality technology and engineering education program, (2) documented success in the integration of technology and engineering education with other academic subjects, and (3) plans for professional development via the anticipated grant.</p>	<p>To be eligible, applicants must be teachers (elementary or secondary) who are successfully integrating technology and engineering education within their school's curriculum. In addition, teachers must be ITEEA members and be registered for the ITEEA annual conference. Membership materials may be enclosed with the scholarship application.</p>	<p>Applicants must submit an application package, postmarked by December 1, 2013</p>	<p>http://naspe.confer.com/naspe/2013/cfp.cgi</p>



Section 3: Additional Fundraising Resources & Idea

Additional Resources

Additional resources around fundraising and grant writing.

Web	Description
http://school.familyeducation.com/slideshow/school-fundraising/38482.html	From Family Education Magazine- If you're just getting started, here's a great article on the top 12 fundraising ideas tested by parent readers.
http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/volunteering-fundraising/10-sure-fire-school-fundraisers	10 Sure Fire Fundraisers ideas when you are ready to try something beyond product sales
http://www.squidoo.com/restaurant-fundraising	A lot of useful information on dine and donate fundraisers
http://www.fundraiserhelp.com/school-fundraisers.htm	Ideas for fundraisers
http://www.reacheverychild.com/feature/fundraisers.html	Ideas for fundraisers
http://www.fundraisingweb.org/	A list of almost every type of fundraiser
http://www.officedepot.com/realchange	"REAL Change Project": Office Depot's charity partner arm, AdoptAClassroom.org, allows teachers to be eligible for funding from donors nationwide, and access tools to help promote your classroom's needs. It's very easy to sign up and register a classroom.
http://www.guidestar.org/rxa/news/articles/2006/grant-writing-101-resources-for-grant-writers.aspx	An article from Guidestar that acts as an introduction to grant writing.
http://www.npguides.org/	Information regarding grant writing.

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Other Ideas that do not require a Company

Fundraiser	Description
Walk-a-thon or Jump-rope-a-thon	You can do this during gym class- kids get bracelets for how many laps they complete and collect money.
Movie Night	Make popcorn - or better yet- get a local movie theatre to donate it and charge for coming to school for a movie.
Bingo Night	Let families pre-order pizza and they can have dinner and play bingo, you need to have prizes donated or purchase. Also can run a raffle at the same time.
No Bake - Bake Sale	Parents buy an item not to bake - see reacheverychild.com above article.
Spaghetti dinner or pancake breakfast	Incorporate a holiday or in conjunction with a sale.
School band plays a concert- charge small admission fee	

Big (All School) Ideas

Fundraiser	
Fun Fair	
Carnival	
Craft Show	
Auction	