

Funding

Newsletter

Grant Opportunities and Resources for M-DCPS' Educators, Students and Families

June 2026



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Share Your Award!

The Office of Grants Administration assists District, Region, and school-site personnel in securing and managing external funding designed to enhance the educational experiences of students.

For a chance to be featured in our next newsletter, please send detailed information on your awarded grant and photos to Abby Martinez at abzymartinez@dadeschools.net.

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J.C. Bermudez Senior High School Wins the 9/11 Day K-12 School Grant!

J.C. Bermudez Doral Senior High School was among the national recipients awarded the *9/11 Day K-12 School Grant* with \$5,000. Supported by AmeriCorps, the grant aims to provide funding to help eligible schools organize volunteer service, and related service learning activities in observance of 9/11, a National Day of Service and Remembrance.

“This grant means a lot to me as I remember working on my student teaching when the news broke of the impending horrific events of September 11th. As we teach a generation of students born after the 9/11 tragedy, it is important to keep the memory alive and use this day to encourage students to learn more about the heroes from that day, their history, and how to serve the community they live in,” said Mr. Daniel Vinat.

The winning program titled, “Rooted in Remembrance, Wrapped in Kindness for 9/11 Day” was led by Mr. Vinat, a 24-year seasoned M-DCPS teacher, a 2026 M-DCPS Central Region Teacher of the Year recipient and Francisco R. Walker Teacher of the Year Finalist. Mr. Vinat is no stranger to grant writing. He has applied and received the M-DCPS 2017 Mini-Grant for a Pond Restoration Project at Felix Varela Senior High, the UTD President’s Grant in 2025 to build the Thunder Media Broadcasting/Podcasting Room, as well as 4 different grants from Donors’ Choose. Bringing his experience, Mr. Vinat proposed a two-part project for J.C. Bermudez Doral Senior High School.

In this issue we will continue to showcase the 2025-2026 M-DCPS Foundation Mini-Grant winners: Aventura Waterways K-8 Center and Lawton Chiles Eagles

J.C. Bermudez Senior High School wins the 9/11 Day K-12 Grant! - Continued

The first is building a remembrance garden on school campus. As a new space for reflection, the garden also revitalizes the entrance to the school building. “There will be multiple opportunities to coincide with the mission of 9/11 Day to be our day of service. Our social media marketing academy students will also be producing videos using primary and secondary documents from the 9/11 Museum archives that will be a permanent fixture in the garden as visitors and students can scan QR codes filled with historical facts. And our science department will be working closely in the foliage selection and plant labeling process,” said Mr. Vinat. “The second will be a school-wide project expansion, that began three years ago by the school’s Key Club, to create 200 no sew blankets to donate locally to the Ronald McDonald House and Camilus’ House,” he concluded.





Stay tuned for next year's grant dates!

9/11 Day K-12 Grants Program Tentative Dates	
ROUND 1 Application Deadline	April 17, 2027
ROUND 1 Awards Announced	May 1, 2027
ROUND 2 Application Deadline	June 1, 2027
ROUND 2 Awards Announced	June 17, 2027



The M-DCPS Foundation 2026-2027 Mini-Grants Competition Enters Judging Phase!

The timing couldn't be better! Grant awards can help fill in the gaps in a teacher's continued effort to making a positive impact on their students' academic and personal growth. In its 16th consecutive year the M-DCPS Foundation moves on to judge all the 2026-Mini-Grant applications for all Pre-K through grade 12 school programs. Grants in the amount of \$3,000 will be awarded to three (3) schools from each of the three (3) regions for a total of nine (9) grant awards.



"It's an opportunity as a teacher to create a project that will motivate and capture students interest interjecting objectives prescribed through each subject area," said Maria Cervantes, Mini-Grant coordinator and M-DCPS grants administrator. "I believe that each recipient of this award has a project that brings tremendous impact to the classroom and students," she concluded.

The judges review around 50 applications yearly and the winners are announced in late July with funds available soon after.

Good luck!

Showcase of 2025-2026 M-DCPS Foundation Mini-Grant winners: Aventura Waterways K-8 Center and Lawton Chiles Eagles Garden Club.



We the faculty and staff of Lawton Chiles Middle School will continue to build a professional learning community of life-long learners who will increase student achievement, personal integrity, civic responsibility, and work place literacy and productive citizens of our community.

Highlights: Award-winning STEAM and Cambridge International Magnet school.

Our mission is to attain the highest academic standards, develop an awareness and appreciation of diverse cultures, and to provide a variety of enriching social experiences in a safe and inviting educational environment.

Highlights: Renowned for its robust STEAM programs, and extensive middle school electives.



2025 M-DCPS Mini Grant Winner: Lawton Chiles Eagles

Diverse Duets grant application was led by Stephanie M. Tudor. The program supports opportunities for students at Lawton Chiles to overcome preconceived stereotypes about people with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders (E/BD). The goal was to gain social and emotional knowledge of each other through peer-to-peer themed learning projects conducted quarterly. The themes were “Garden & Grow,” “Board Games & Buddies,” “Arts, Crafts, & Conversation,” and “Multi-Media.”

“The *Diverse Duets* program has provided opportunities to create a balanced learning environment that combines education, social growth, and enjoyment throughout our general education students and our students identified with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders (E/BD),” said Ms. Tudor.

Garden & Grow - Established in 2021, the garden provides hands-on experiences in school-based gardening. Club members build teamwork, gain a greater sense of responsibility, and heightened environmental awareness while gaining practical knowledge about plant life cycles, nutrition, and sustainability. The club secured essential resources with the mini-grant funds, such as potting soil and mulch to start seedlings and beautify common areas across the school campus. The garden spaces also intentionally incorporate a variety of plants and flowers that support pollinators, helping students understand the importance of biodiversity while creating a more vibrant, welcoming learning environment for the entire school community.



Board Games & Buddies - The grant funds allowed for the purchase of board games that support both academic growth and social development in a fun, engaging way. Many games also reinforce subjects like math, reading, and vocabulary without feeling like traditional schoolwork. Multiple levels of board games, card games, and hands-on games are introduced weekly to find compatible games for appropriate intellectual and functional skill levels, for example MancaJa, Uno, Chess, Checkers, Battleship, Candyland, Jenga, and more.



Arts, Crafts & Conversation - Led by the school art teacher the duets will complete different art and craft projects with materials funded by the mini-grant. These projects will include painting, drawing, clay sculpture, paper mache, and much more. The duets will have a culminating Art Show to display their work to their peers, teachers, and parents.



Multi-Media - Funding provides students with materials to create paintings, social media posts, YouTube movies, drawings, murals, and more to raise awareness for Autism and the “Diverse Duets” program.

(Content provided by Ms. Stephanie M. Tudor)

2025 M-DCPS Mini Grant Winner: Aventura Waterways K-8

Aventura Waterways K-8 Center is located in Aventura close to the Intracoastal Waterway. The school serves approximately 2,000 students offering a Gifted & Talented program focusing on high academics. The lead grant writer was Juan Franco, a teacher at the school. “Our project aimed to enhance the quality, efficiency, and frequency of hands on lab experiences by updating essential lab equipment,” he explained. The grant funds allowed him to purchase new compound microscopes that have allowed for more direct instructional modeling while students simultaneously practice proper microscope techniques, greatly improving the flow and rigor of lab sessions. He also purchased an ultrasonic cleaner that has contributed to maintaining equipment in optimal condition, enabling faster turnaround between labs and supporting the increased number of classes utilizing the lab this year.

Early outcome data shows a mixed picture across subject areas but also promising signs. In 8th Grade Comprehensive Science, midyear results varied and will require post assessment data to fully understand the impact of expanding lab-based instruction. “In Biology, however, we observed strong gains in midyear satisfactory performance compared to last year, suggesting that students may benefit from increased exposure to structured hands on learning,” Franco explained. Across both courses, the improvements are not solely reflected in percentages; students have shown higher motivation, stronger engagement, and greater confidence when interacting with real scientific tools. “The opportunity to work with modern lab equipment has been a meaningful motivator, and students consistently express enthusiasm about these experiences,” he added.

Although these early results differ between grade levels, the increased implementation of laboratory activities appears to be contributing positively overall. “Once we receive our post test data, we will have a clearer picture of the project’s full effectiveness, but based on student engagement and observable skill development, the project is already supporting our goal of deepening science learning through hands-on experience,” Franco concluded. *(Content provided by Mr. Juan Franco)*



Photograph:

Students experiencing a hands-on lesson on flower structure in which Mr. Franco used prepared slides of floral bi-sections to demonstrate the anatomy of the ovary up close and enhance instruction, including how pollen functions during fertilization.

Grant Opportunities

June 2026

Toshiba America Foundation

Grants for Grades 6-12

6th to 12th grade teachers are invited to apply online for a Toshiba America Foundation grant of up to \$5,000 and more than \$5,000 to help bring an innovative project into their own classroom. With a Toshiba America Foundation grant, sixth to 12th grade teachers can bring their best new teaching ideas to life. Applications must be for project based learning. We do not consider requests for computers, laptops or tablets.

Award: Less than \$5,000

Deadline: June 1, 2026

Website: <https://toshiba.com/taf/612-2/>

The Toshiba logo is displayed in a bold, red, sans-serif font. The letters are slightly shadowed, giving it a three-dimensional appearance as if it's floating above a white surface.

ACS-Hach High School Chemistry Classroom Grant

To support ideas that enhance classroom learning, foster student development, and reveal the wonders of chemistry. Since 2008, over 700 high school chemistry teachers received ACSHach High School Chemistry Classroom Grants. Teachers can request up to \$1,500 for their ideas. We typically offer grants for:

- Laboratory Equipment & Supplies
- Instructional Materials
- Professional Development
- Student-Conducted Field Studies

Award: up to \$1,800

Deadline: June 1, 2026

Website: <https://www.acs.org/funding/grants/acs-hach-high-school-chemistry-classroom-grant.html>

The Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation

Seeks to improve health outcomes in the communities Sprouts serves in 24 states by supporting nutrition education, nutrition access, and wellness programs.

Award: \$5,000-\$10,000

Deadline: June 1, 2026

Website: <https://www.sprouts.com/about/sprouts-foundation/grants/>

Cutler Bay Community Fund

To provide support to 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organizations that serve the residents of the Town of Cutler Bay. Including but not limited to schools, community-based organizations, community associations, and faith-based organizations.

Award: \$2,500

Quarterly Deadlines: June 15; September 15; December 15

Website: <https://www.cutlerbay-fl.gov/community/page/cutler-bay-community-fund-application-process>



The Coral Gables Community Foundation

Community Grants Program awards deserving local non-profit organizations that include a benefit for Coral Gables. Non-profit organizations are invited to apply on an annual basis. The fund is advised by the Community Giving Committee.

Awards between \$3,000 - \$5,000

Deadline: June 15, 2026

Website: <https://gablesfoundation.org/programs/community-grants/>

Grant Opportunities Continued

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ETC Performing Arts Funding Community Betterment Funding Grant Program

The purpose of this program is to support the arts throughout the United States. Eligibility is limited to 501(c)(3) non-profits residing in the United States; an accredited public or private school/university residing in the United States; or a federal, state, or local government as defined in section 170 (c) of the IRS service code.

Award: up to \$5,000

Deadline: June 15, 2026

Website: <https://www.etcconnect.com/About/Philanthropy/Funding-Grant.aspx>

Kids Gardening Lots of Compassion Grant

Mrs. Meyer's Clean Day and KidsGardening designed the Lot of Compassion Grant program to support local leaders looking to transform vacant lots into gardens to help grow compassion in their community.

Award: \$20,000

Deadline: June 15, 2026

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

Kemper Foundation Read Conmigo

The purpose of this program is to provide support for classroom resources and/or professional development that advance dual-language (Spanish-English) education for bilingual students. Eligibility is limited to full-time, licensed teachers in a dual-language (Spanish-English) program at an accredited public or charter elementary school in Broward and Miami-Dade counties. Applicants must have at least two years of experience as an elementary teacher in a dual-language (Spanish-English) program. Must maintain that at least 50% of teaching time dedicated to providing group instruction to students.

Award ceiling: \$3,000

Deadline: June 15, 2027

Website: <https://www.thekemperfoundation.org/read-conmigo/educator-grants/>

Aerie Real Foundation

The Aerie Real Foundation™ Community Grant supports U.S. and Canada-based nonprofit organizations working to build confidence in young women, promote inclusivity, and protect the environment.

Award: up to \$10,000

Deadline: June 27, 2026

Website: https://www.ae.com/aerie-real-life/aerie-real-foundation/?utm_medium=affiliate&utm_campaign=1&utm_source=3829940|0&utm_content=ae&ranMID=54135&ranEAID=%2FjZHTpnCvx8&ranSiteID=_jZHTpnCvx8-JzKiWlsFLaC9oZ-K79R5ESg

Classics for Kids

The foundation invites applications for its matching grant program, which will award grants to schools or nonprofit organizations in support of incorporating string instruments in K-12 music education programs. All instruments in the string family are supported (including guitars and ukuleles)."

Award: Varies

Deadline: June 30, September 30, December 31, March 31

Website: <https://classicsforkids.org/apply-for-a-grant/>

ETC's Light the Way Program

Program aims to support the next generation of lighting design and technology professionals by providing equipment grants to selected non-profit organizations.

Each year, ETC reviews applications from programs and organizations that provide design or technical training in performance arts. ETC awards grants based on where our equipment can provide the most impact.

Award: Varies

Deadline: June 30, 2026

Website: <https://www.etcconnect.com/About/Philanthropy/Equipment-Grant.aspx>

Grant Opportunities Continued

June 2026

Quadratic Cares 'Energize The Environment' Grant Program

Environmental grants per year – announced one each in the spring and fall – to an individual or group currently pursuing a program or initiative designed to benefit our environment.

Award: \$3,500

Deadline: June 30, 2026 and October 30, 2026

Website:

<https://www.quadratic.com/page/quadratic-cares-grant-program>

July 2026

Amateur Radio Digital Communications Grants

Education Grants include scholarships, as well as projects that aim to educate or mentor individuals, such as K-12 school programs and programs aimed at under-served groups. We are primarily interested in STEAM programs that are linked to amateur radio, wireless technology, or digital communications.

Award: Range varies

Deadline: February 1; April 1; **July 1**; September 1

Website: <https://www.ardc.net/apply/>



ProLiteracy Literacy Opportunity Fund Grants

This Literacy Opportunity Fund help US-based nonprofit organizations do their work in transforming lives through adult literacy. We award grants up to \$6,000 to literacy organizations of all types and sizes that are doing direct work with adult students. Apply for a grant to fund your organization's general operating expenses, such as salaries or teacher stipends, supplies or equipment, space rental, and more. Or, apply for a Literacy Opportunity award to fund a particular project, event, or new programming development.

Award: Up to \$6,000

Deadline: July 1, 2026

Website: <https://www.proliteracy.org/grants-funding/literacy-opportunity-fund/>



Karma For Cara Foundation - K4C

The Karma For Cara Foundation invites students 18 years of age and younger to complete projects that benefit their communities. Microgrants are intended to serve as a bridge between ideas and action that assist young citizen leaders in executing and magnifying their initiatives to help repair the world. Examples of eligible projects include transforming a vacant lot into a community garden, rebuilding a school playground, or helping senior citizens ready their home for winter. If applying on the behalf of an entire class or student group, the foundation requests that applicants designate a maximum of three student leaders to be the main points of contact for the project.

Award: \$250-\$1,000

Deadline: July 5, 2026 (every quarter) Website: <https://karmaforcara.org/microgrant-application>

Grant Opportunities Continued

July 2026

The Florida Farm Bureau

Classroom Teacher mini-grants

The Florida Farm Bureau Federation (FFBF) Classroom Mini-Grant program is intended to increase awareness and understanding of agriculture among students and educators. FFBF

offers \$250.00 mini-grants to certified Florida educators who are engaged in agriculture education classroom instruction at pre-kindergarten through 12th grade levels. Certified Florida teachers engaged in classroom instruction at pre-kindergarten through 12th grade levels who integrate agricultural concepts into everyday core curricula.

Award: \$250.00

Deadline: OPENS July 6 and closes September 11

Website: <https://floridafarmbureau.org/programs/classroom-mini-grant/>

Walmart Spark Good Local Grants

“These local grants are designed to address the unique needs of the communities where we operate. Funds support various initiatives in various areas: Community and Economic Development, Diversity and Inclusion, Education, Environmental Sustainability, and Health and Human Services.”

Award: \$250-\$5,000

Deadline:

Cycle 1 - April 15

Cycle 2 - July 15

Cycle 3 - November 30

Website: <https://www.walmart.org/how-we-give/open-applications>



August 2026

Road Runners Club of America (RRCA)

Kids Run the Nation Grant Fund

The purpose of this program is to support running clubs, schools, and community-based non-profits interested in implementing or currently hosting youth running programs. Eligibility is limited to elementary and middle schools; parent booster clubs; PTAs; and running clubs, events, or other organizations with the IRS 501(c)(3) designation.

Award: \$1,000

Deadline: August 1

Website: <https://www.rrca.org/programs/kids-run-the-nation/grant-fund/>

SunCoast Credit Union Foundation

The mission of the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation is to promote the education, health and emotional well-being of children in our communities.

Suncoast Credit Union is proud to have founded the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to benefit sick children and their families and to support educational initiatives.

Award: \$15k average

Deadline: August 1, October 1, December 1, February 1, April 1, June 1.

Website: <https://www.suncoast.com/Why-Suncoast/Community/Suncoast-Foundation>



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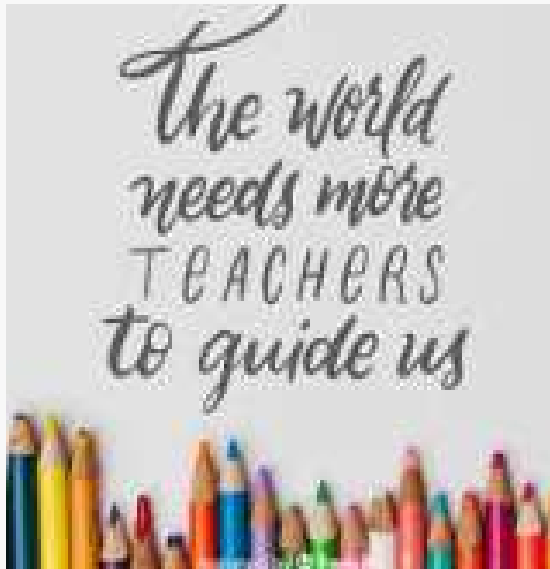
Clif Family Foundation

The Clif Family Foundation invites applications for its grants program, through which operational support grants will be awarded. Priority will be given to applicants that demonstrate strong community ties; operate within viable and clearly defined plans for positive change; and address two or more funding priorities at the same time, which may include strengthening the food system, enhancing equitable community health outcomes, and safeguarding the environment and natural resources.

Award: Varies

Deadline: August 2, 2024

Website: <https://cliffamilyfoundation.org/grants-program>



Florida Humanities Community Project Grants

Community Project Grants support an array of public humanities programming that encourage community engagement in and with the humanities. Programming should be tailored to, and appropriate for, the subject matter, the applicant's goals, as well as reflective of the interests and needs of their intended audience(s), particularly underserved communities. Florida Humanities encourages innovation with new approaches as well as use of time-tested formats such as: community conversations, interpretive exhibits (permanent or traveling, physical or digital), lectures and podcasts, community-wide reads, or reading- or film-and-discussion programs, book, film, and cultural festivals incorporating humanities activities, oral history projects, story-collection and sharing programs, interpretive tours or other types of site- or place-based humanities programming. Community Project Grants must:

- Be rooted in the humanities
- Involve humanities scholar(s) appropriate for the project
- Be made available to the general public and actively foster constructive dialogue
- Be free, or not cost prohibitive

Award: Up to \$10,000

Deadline: August 7, 2024; December 4, 2024

Website: <https://floridahumanities.org/funding-opportunities/community-project-grants/>



Grant Opportunities Continued

August 2026

Lois Lenski Covey Foundation Bookmobile

Grant To advance literacy and foster a love of reading among underserved and at-risk children and youth in the United States, including U.S. territories. The Foundation's Bookmobile Grants support bookmobile programs that serve economically or socially at-risk children. The grants are for purchasing books published for young people preschool through grade 8.

Award: Up to \$3,000

Deadline: August 15, 2026

Website: <https://www.loislenskicovey.org/>

NSHSS Social Emotional Learning in the Classroom Grant

The purpose of this program is to provide support for educators to provide Social Emotional Learning (SEL) resources and curriculum to their classrooms. Eligibility is limited to registered NSHSS Educators (school social workers, counselors, homeschool educators, test prep professionals, teachers, administrators, etc.) who work with high school students in an academic capacity both in the U.S. and internationally.

Award: (1) \$1,500

Deadline: August 19, 2026 by 11:59 pm (EST)

Website: <https://www.nshss.org/educators/grants/grant-items/nshss-social-emotional-learning-in-the-classroom-grant/>

The Forrest E. Mars, Jr. Chocolate History Grant.

The purpose of this program is to support projects that investigate and/or educate on the history of chocolate, uncover new chocolate innovation, development of cocoa science as well as highlight the chocolate making process. Eligibility is limited to not-for-profit organizations or non-profit 501(c)(3)/individual; researcher/an organization not operating primarily to make a profit; or a teacher/educator in a K-12 public school in the United States. The grant honors the legacy of Forrest E. Mars, Jr., who founded the Heritage Chocolate Society in 2003 to advance the research of chocolate's impact on society.

Award: \$10,000

Deadline: Opens August through late October 2026

Website: <https://www.americanheritagechocolate.com/grants/grant-application/>



Rolling Opportunities

Pets in the Classroom Grants for Teachers

“Pets in the Classroom is an educational grant program that provides financial support to teachers to purchase and maintain small animals in the classroom. The program was established by the Pet Care Trust to provide children with an opportunity to interact with pets. The Pet Care Trust also established the Dogs in the Classroom program, which provides teachers with the opportunity to bring animal-assisted therapy to their classroom —an experience that can help to shape their lives for years to come.”

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://petsintheclassroom.org/do-you-qualify/>



Reiman Foundation

“The Reiman Foundation focuses its giving in four main areas: health care, education, the arts and children. Applications are not in any specific format. Information submitted must be specific enough to give us a clear picture of the intended project, why the project is being proposed and who will benefit and how it will be administered.”

Award: Unspecified amount

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <http://www.reimanfoundation.org/>

Brinker International

“The Brinker International Charitable Giving Program and the company’s restaurants, which include Chili’s Grill & Bar and Maggiano’s Little Italy, support nonprofit organizations in the communities where restaurants are located. (Information on locations is available for Chili’s and Maggiano’s.) Areas of interest include kids, hunger, and education. Monetary and in-kind support in the form of dining certificates are provided.”

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=def16a8c76fd4d01a50c9745011786f4>

Glenn W. Bailey Foundation Grants

“The foundation invites letters of inquiry for innovative early childhood STEM education programs in Florida. Any program or idea supporting students in Pre-K through 12th grade and into college or vocational studies is eligible.”

Award: \$20,000- \$35,000

Deadline: None; Letter of Intent accepted on a rolling basis

Website: <https://www.gwbaileyfoundation.org/funding-criteria>

Salad Bars to Schools

“Any district or independent school participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is eligible to apply. To qualify for a Salad Bars to Schools grant you must offer the salad bar as a part of the reimbursable meal served in your district. The 6-foot, five-well salad bar package is for locations that serve at least 100 reimbursable meals daily.”

Award: Salad Bar, hardware and pans w/covers

Deadline: Applications accepted year-round

Website: <https://www.saladbars2schools.org/get-a-salad-bar/schools>

Grant Opportunities Continued

Fruit Tree Orchard Donation Grant

“FTPF seeks schools that can accommodate at least 20 to 25 trees on school grounds (planted at 15-foot intervals) near existing irrigation sources (e.g., spigot or sprinklers). Eligible applicants must own the planting site or have long-term arrangements to remain at the planting site, be committed to caring for the trees in perpetuity, and coordinate local volunteers to help with the tree planting. Recipients must agree that the orchard will not be used for any for-profit enterprise.”

Award: High-quality fruit trees and shrubs, equipment, on-site orchard design expertise and oversight, horticultural workshops, and aftercare training and manuals

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.ftpf.org/apply>

GTECH Afterschool Advantage Program

“GTECH is a national community investment program, which provides non-profit community agencies and public schools with up to \$50,000 in state-of-the-art computer labs. These computer centers are designed to provide economically disadvantaged children aged 5 to 15 with a meaningful, yet fun, learning experience during the critical after-school hours, in a safe environment.”

Award: up to \$15,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: https://www.snpo.org/publications/fundingalert_details.php?id=2410

All Kids Play

“To support nonprofit organizations, school sports programs, or government-run programs (i.e. community park districts) in low-income communities that provide community-based recreational level sports for kids in grades K-12.”

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://allkidsplay.org/youth-sports-grants/>

The Awesome Foundation for the Arts and Sciences

“Awesome projects range from public artwork to mobile applications to scientific experiments. Projects are not strictly defined but tend to challenge and expand our understanding of individual and communal potential. They should also bring communities together, casting aside social inhibitions and boundaries for a moment, however temporary. Grants are provided with no strings attached, and the foundation claims no ownership over the projects it supports.”

Award: \$1,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <http://www.awesomefoundation.org>

Adopt a Classroom

“Adopt a classroom is a website that connects donors and teachers in an effort to bring needed supplies to classrooms.”

Award: Up to \$1,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.adoptaclassroom.org/for-teachers-2020/>

Wish You Well Foundation

“The Wish You Well Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations that promote families across the U.S. The focus of the Foundation’s grant-making is on the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs. Grants generally range from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Requests may be submitted after April 1, 2026 at any time and will be reviewed various times throughout the year.”

Award: \$2,000 to \$10,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.wishyouwellfoundation.org/apply-for-funding>

Grant Opportunities Continued

Believe in Reading

“Believe in Reading supports nonprofit organizations in the United States that teach, improve, or encourage reading by people of all ages. Supported literacy programs should serve populations that show out of the ordinary needs, such as geographic areas with low reading scores and high poverty levels. Nonprofit organizations and equivalent educational institutions, including public libraries, are eligible to apply for support.”

Award: Up to \$10,000, though the majority of grants are for \$3,000 or less

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://believeinreading.org/grant-guidelines/>



H2O for Life Service-Learning Grant

“The funds from this grant must be used to assist teachers and students as ‘Start-Up Funds’ for their H2O for Life service-learning project. These small grants require participating schools to create a fundraising project budget and an implementation plan for their school year that will raise funds to support an H2O for Life Global Partner School.”

Award: \$250-\$500

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.h2oforlifeschools.org/page/education-programs>



Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund

“The Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund makes grants in the areas of education, child development and welfare, and the environment and conservation. Examples of previously funded programs include expanding music education for students in kindergarten through grade 12 and promoting professional development for music teachers; hands-on botanical and art museum experiences for children who are underserved; and employment and leadership support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.”

Award: Varies

Deadline: Quarterly

Website: <https://www.bridgestoneamericas.com/en/corporate-social-responsibility/community>



American Radio Relay League/Victor C. Clark Youth Incentive Program

“Mini-Grants are awarded to groups that promote youth participation in amateur radio and enrich the experience of radio amateurs under the age of 18. Awards may be used to secure equipment for antennas for club stations, purchase training materials, and support local service projects that bring favorable public exposure, and similar activities. Preference will be given to projects for which matching funds are raised locally. Groups that qualify for the mini-grants include high school radio clubs, youth groups, and general-interest radio clubs that make a special effort to get youth involved in club activities.”

Award: Up to \$1,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <http://www.arrl.org/the-victor-c-clark-youth-incentive-program>

Grant Opportunities Continued

VOYA Foundation

“Provide innovative and experiential K-8 STEM learning opportunities to promote an early interest in STEM career fields and improve teachers’ capabilities in STEM; or provide financial literacy education curriculum to grade 9-12 students focused on navigating major financial milestones including student debt, credit, home ownership, financial products and services/financial capability, and family financial planning.”

Award: Minimum \$2,500

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.voya.com/page/voya-stem-futures>

Charlie Lovett Fund for Elementary Drama

“Each year, the Charlie Lovett Fund for Elementary Drama provides grants to elementary schools across the U.S. These grants are designed to help elementary schools enhance or establish a production based, drama-learning program at the school. Grants can also be used for the school’s drama productions.”

Award: up to \$300

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <http://lovettfoundation.org/elementaryDramaFund.html>

Goodyear Foundation Community Grants

“This program focuses on building and supporting collaborative programs that create positive outcomes for people, communities, and the world around us. Proposals should promote stronger and safer communities; inspire people to reach their potential in school and or careers preparation; stimulate waste reduction and energy conservation for our planet. Applications must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the start of your proposed program or project.”

Award: \$5,000 to \$25,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://corporate.goodyear.com/us/en/responsibility/community/community-support.html>

Alternative Fuel Foundation

“Funds are available for educational institutions to aid in the development of programs that promote renewable energy, environmental sustainability, and earth stewardship.”

Award: Up to \$1,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.alternativefuelfoundation.org/grants/>

ALDI Cares Community Grants

“ALDI, Inc. provides funding in the form of philanthropic donations and/or gift cards to local non-profit organizations that make a positive impact on our Children’s Health & Wellness and Food Insecurity while supporting Diversity, Equity and Inclusion programs. Eligible applicants are public and private kindergarten through grade 12 schools and non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations that benefit children in the geographic areas located where ALDI stores, offices, or warehouses in Alabama; Arkansas; California; Connecticut; Delaware; Washington, DC; Florida; Georgia; Illinois; Indiana; Iowa; Kansas; Kentucky. Applications must be submitted using the online system.”

Award: Awards range from \$100 to \$5,000

Deadline: Monthly (Rolling)

Website: <https://corporate.aldi.us/corporate-sustainability/community/aldi-community-gift-card->



Grant Opportunities Continued

Publix Requests for Donations

“Publix recognizes the importance of supporting charitable activities within the community. As part of its mission, Publix focuses its charitable efforts on the following areas: youth, education, reducing hunger, and alleviating homelessness. All requests for gift cards, sponsorships and program ads must be submitted on the letterhead of the applicant’s non-profit, tax-exempt organization at least four weeks prior to the event date. 501(c)(3) applicant organizations must include a copy of their “letter of determination” from the IRS. “

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://corporate.publix.com/community/requests>



The Hagerty Foundation

“The Hagerty Foundation provides programs and financial support in three focus areas: Car culture, Education, & Innovation. With the purpose of keeping driving alive for generations to come, we provide scholarships for students in the automotive field of education, offer financial support and mentorship for automotive start-ups an innovative business, and continue to build a federally recognized program through the National Historic Vehicle Register, that documents and records the important history of automobiles. The License to the Future program offers grants to young drivers (between the age of 14-18) to cover the cost of Drivers Education.”

Award: Up to \$500

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://driversfoundation.org/grants>

Good Sports Equipment Grants

“This organization provides sports equipment, apparel, and footwear to youth programs offering sports, fitness, and recreational programs. Eligible proposals must directly serve youth between the ages of 3-18, in need; in the U.S.; and do not charge a participation fee that exceeds \$299. Eligible school districts must serve students who receive free/reduced lunch and proposed programs may define the type of physical activity participants engage in. Winners will be responsible for operational costs, including equipment shipping.”

Award: Up to \$1,500

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.goodsports.org/apply/>

Kid Spark Education

“The Kid Spark STEM Equity Grant Program provides Title I schools everything they need to encourage STEM learning in the classroom, free of charge.”

Award: Comprehensive Curriculum. STEM Labs and Professional Learning

Deadline: Rolling

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



New Worlds Reading

“To be eligible for New Worlds Reading, a child must be either a VPK student who is not yet meeting age-appropriate standards according to FAST Star Early Literacy, or a K-5th grade student in a Florida public or district-sponsored charter school who is not yet reading on grade level.”

Award: Books

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.newworldsreading.com/fl/en/enrollment.html>

Grant Opportunities Continued

Women's Sports Foundation

"The Women's Sports Foundation, established in 1974 by Billie Jean King, is a national nonprofit educational organization dedicated to promoting the lifelong participation of all girls and women in sports and fitness. The Foundation seeks to create an educated public that encourages females' participation and supports gender equality in sport. The Foundation's grant programs provide girls and women with educational materials and scholarships, research on issues related to women in sports, and leadership development, as well as opportunities to participate in sports and fitness."

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: https://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/wsf_program_categories/girl-serving-programs/

Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation

"The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation provides musical instruments to schools across the country, primarily focusing on enhancing access to music education for students in underprivileged communities."

Award: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://mhopus.org/instrument-grants/>

The Larry Fitzgerald Foundation

"To empower communities by funding nonprofit organizations that advance equity in youth education and breast cancer awareness. Grants support programs that expand after-school learning, provide youth camps, and increase access to technology for K-12 students."

Award: Up to \$5,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.thelarryfitzgeraldfoundation.org/pages/grants>

Donors Choose

"Teachers can request donations to support their classrooms virtually. Donors see these requests and responds to teacher requests at their will."

Award: Up to \$1,000

Deadline: Rolling

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

Eduporium Educational Technology Grant

"The application process opens on the first of each month and concludes on the 20th. While you can apply for grants as often as you'd like, educators may only apply for the Eduporium grant once per month with one application per person. Those awarded the grant are then ineligible to apply for one calendar year. Recipients may use their grant award on any of the hundreds of STEM, MakerEd, and computing technologies available on the Eduporium store."

Award: Robotics and Coding Kits, Drones, 3D Printers, Virtual Reality Systems, Makerspace Tools, Engineering Tools

Deadline: The application process opens on the first of each month and concludes on the 20th.

Website: <https://www.eduporium.com/eduporium-tech-grant>

Auto Club Group Foundation

"To support traffic safety, financial literacy, and driver education. Its grants back innovative programs that enhance roadway safety and address emerging transportation challenges. The Foundation invests in K-12 financial literacy education, helping students build lifelong money management skills."

Award: Up to \$15,000

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <https://www.acgfoundation.org/grants.html>



Teacher Resources

The Children's Trust Books for Free

"The Children's Trust Books for Free is a partnership with Miami Book Fair at Miami Dade College. Our goal is to get more books in the hands of children who need them the most – magical, world-building, life-changing books that they can keep to read with their families over and over again. We achieve this goal by delivering an average of 2,443 new and gently used books per week to more than 70 public bookshelves located in high-traffic locations throughout Miami-Dade County's most underserved neighborhoods. These books are free for the taking by children and their caregivers."

Website: <https://www.thechildrenstrust.org/content/books-free>



4-H Programs

"4-H programs empower young people to lead for a lifetime. It is a youth development organization that helps young people, and their families gain the skills needed to be proactive forces in their communities and develop ideas for a more innovative economy. 4-H programs promote science, healthy living and civic engagement through a network of public universities and community volunteers. The 4-H website offers several resources that supports at-home, and after-school programs, 4-H clubs, camps and curriculum and teamwork, problem-solving, critical thinking activities."

Website: <https://4-h.org/programs/>

First Book

"First Book offers free and inexpensive children's books and educational resources to schools and programs that serve children in need from birth to age 18. Head Start programs, Title I or Title I-eligible schools, USDA Food and Nutrition Service programs, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Title VII recipients, military family support programs, libraries with E-rates of 90, programs primarily serving children with disabilities and programs where at least 70 percent of children come from low-income families are eligible to sign up with First Book. To register, visit First Book Marketplace."

Website: <https://www.fbmarketplace.org/register/>

The Education Fund

"The objective of each Education Fund program is to work side-by-side with the private sector to support and promote quality public education for every child in Miami-Dade County Public Schools by providing teachers and students with resources they need to be successful."

Website: <https://www.educationfund.org/what-we-do/programs/>

Free National Geographic Teacher Resources for Grades PreK-12

"What to teach each month; Classroom resources; Bring National Geographic to your classroom through lesson plans, maps, and reference resources. Resources for all grades in any subject."

Website: <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/society/education-resources/>



Teacher Resources Continued

STEM Education Outreach Activities

“Lockheed Martin provides funding and volunteer support to organizations that support STEM career readiness and access for students in high school. Select partners include:

- Girls Inc. inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold, including programming to strengthen their interest and confidence in pursuing STEM education and careers. Website: <https://girlsinc.org>
- Project Lead The Way empowers students to develop and apply in-demand, transportable skills by exploring real-world challenges in engineering, computer science, and cybersecurity. Website: <https://www.pltw.org/>
- Million Girls Moonshot seeks to prepare the next generation of innovators by engaging one million more girls in STEM learning opportunities through afterschool and summer programs. Website: <https://milliongirlsmoonshot.org/>
- FIRST designs accessible and innovative robotics programs that motivate young people to pursue education and career opportunities in STEM, while building knowledge and life skills. Website: <https://www.firstinspires.org/>

Reading and Language Arts Online Collection Packs

PBS Learning Media offers online reading and language arts collection packs for K-12 teachers. South Florida PBS and PBS have curated FREE, curriculum-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more just for Florida teachers. These collection packs provide a set of educational resources focused on American authors, poetry, and Shakespeare. Each pack includes links to PBS websites and a set of activities by grade level.

FREE

Website: <https://florida.pbslearningmedia.org/subjects/english-language-arts-and-literacy/?rankby=recency>

TEACH Grant

“The TEACH Grant Program provides grants of up to \$4,000 a year to students who are completing or plan to complete course work needed to begin a career in teaching. A TEACH Grant-eligible program is a program of study that is designed to prepare you to teach as a highly qualified teacher in a high-need field and that leads to a bachelor’s or master’s degree or is a postbaccalaureate program. A two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor’s degree is considered a program that leads to a bachelor’s degree. A postbaccalaureate program is not TEACH-Grant-eligible if it is offered by a school that also offers a bachelor’s degree in education. Schools that participate in the TEACH Grant Program determine which of the programs they offer are TEACH-Grant-eligible. A program that is TEACH-Grant-eligible at one school might not be TEACH-Grant-eligible at another school. Additionally, even if a program meets the eligibility requirements to be a TEACH-Grant-eligible program, it may not be designated as TEACH-Grant-eligible by the school. Contact the financial aid office at the school you are attending (or that you plan to attend) to find out which programs at that school are eligible.”

Website: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/teach>



Teacher Resources Continued

Free Activities for Teaching Math, Science and Music

“MathScienceMusic.org is a free toolkit for teachers, bringing together the best resources in math, science, and music.”

Website: <https://MathScienceMusic.org>



Ocean Bank Center for Educational Materials

“Full-time teachers and current year PTA/PTSA Presidents in Miami-Dade County Public Schools are eligible to schedule an appointment to ‘shop’ for school supplies twice a year at this free Miami store.”

Website: <https://www.educationfund.org/what-we-do/programs/ocean-bank-center-for-educational-materials/teacher-shopping-visit.html>

The Molina Foundation Book Buddies Search

“Be the first to know about opportunities to apply for grants of new, free children’s books and other education and health resources from the Foundation.”

Website: <https://molinafoundation.org/join-our-network/>



CritterCoin

“Digital achievements-and-rewards system RedCritter has launched a new platform called CritterCoin where schools can build their own free system to implement Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports with points, rewards in the form of digital coins and non-fungible tokens, and a school-specific rewards store.”

Website: <https://www.crittercoin.com/>



Library of Congress (Classroom Materials)

“Created by teachers for teachers, these ready-to-use materials provide easy ways to incorporate the Library’s unparalleled primary sources into instruction.”

Website: <https://www.loc.gov/programs/teachers/classroom-materials/>



Players Trust

The Players Trust has worked alongside our Major Leaguers to implement a series of youth development programs all designed with the same end result in mind – to find the most exciting ways to engage young people in the games of baseball and softball so they may further develop their love of learning, their understanding of the world around them, and their 21st century skill set.

If your school or nonprofit currently works with youth in the United States, Latin America, or the Caribbean, there may be availability for your program to participate in a future cohort.

Website: <https://www.trust.mlbplayers.com/nonprofit-resources>

Grant Writing Workshops 2026-2027

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our website at
www.DadeGetsGrants.net

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