

Newsletter

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



Congratulations!

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Foundation Announces the Winners of the 2026-2027 Mini Grant Competition!

For the 2026-2027 Mini-Grant Competition, M-DCPS Foundation received 51 mini-grant applications from schools across the district. After careful review nine (9) winning teachers will receive a \$3,000 grant each to fund their innovative programs. Congratulations!

Winning Recipients for South Region:

Hammocks Middle – Lois K. Seaman

Sowing the Seeds of Sustainability

Southwood Middle – Vivian M. Ventura

Keep Southwood Sounding Sweet: Cello Repair Initiative

South Dade Sr. High – Mark V. Godinez

Academy of IT & AI Collaborative Studio: Fusing Technology and Marketing Through STEAM

Winning Recipients for Central Region:

iTech @ Thomas A. Edison Educational Center – Dr. Ledly O. Moss

CyberForge: Building Future Cyber Defenders Through Networking, AI, and Competitive Cybersecurity Excellence

Jesse J. McCrary Jr. Elementary – Elani R. Walters

Dolphin Discovery Lab

Lillie C. Evans K-8 Center – Latrice R. Bethea

Virtual Reality Science Lab

Winning Recipients for North Region:

Lawton Chiles Middle – Yania I. Ramirez

Food Science & Culinary Innovation Grant

Miami Lakes K-8 Center – Marisol Villanueva

Social Entrepreneurship Project

North Glade Elementary – Jasmine Hart

Living Literature Lab: A Differentiated Student-Centered Approach to Gifted Learning

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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.

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

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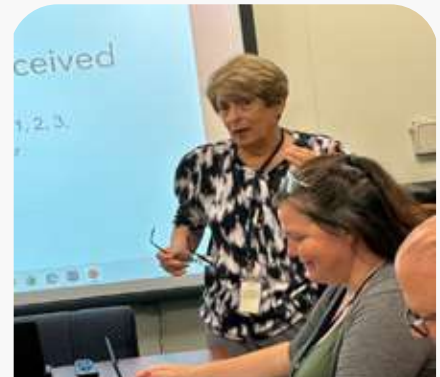
Impact Through Innovative Programs

For more than a decade, the mini grant program has made possible for teachers and staff across the M-DCPS district to bring creative, innovative programs to life in their schools. Last year's winning projects included initiatives led by Lawton Chiles Middle School, Winston Park K-8 Center, and JC Bermudez Senior High School with programs ranging from veterinary experiences to reading enrichment activities. All winning projects strengthened school spirit, sparked curiosity, and created engaging learning environments where students thrive.

Every year, the review committees consist of members of the M-DCPS community, including a school-site representative and District Administrators. Applications were grouped by Region and each application was reviewed and scored by the review committee.

This year's winning grants highlight programs designed to strengthen math skills, nurture musical talent, and inspire scientific discovery, to name a few. The students participating reflect a kaleidoscope of the district's community, representing a wide range of backgrounds, interests, and talents.

Stay tuned as we follow these exciting projects throughout the year and celebrate the incredible impact they have on our students!



Photographed above: Kristy Figueras of the M-DCPS Foundation and Maria Cervantes of the Office of Grants Administration.

2026-2027 M-DCPS Foundation Mini-Grant Panel of Judges:

Kathy Bustamante, Office of Professional Development & Evaluation
Hans Castedo-Garcia, Office of Postsecondary Career & Technical Education
Fred Clermont, Federal & State Compliance Office



Kristy Figueras, M-DCPS Foundation
Dr. Adam Kosnitzky, Mental Health Services
Al Lawrence, Office of Community Partnerships
Abby Martinez, Office of Grants Administration
Eddy Molliner, Office of Post Secondary Career & Technical Education
Dr. Jennifer Murray, Office of Community Partnerships
Kim Seitz, Division of Academics - STEAM
Dr. Javonie Wilcox, Office of Early Childhood Programs

Throw Back Highlights!

Final Snapshot of 2025-2026 M-DCPS Foundation Mini Grant Winners



Thriving Programs!

In photographs (left) are the 2025-2026 M-DCPS Foundation Mini Grant Winners: Redland Elementary School, Lake Stevens Middle School, J.C. Bermudez Doral Senior High School and Booker T. Washington High School.

Students Succeeding!

Innovation!

In photographs (right) are the 2025-2026 M-DCPS Foundation Mini Grant Winners: Lawton Chiles Middle School, Eneida M. Hartner Elementary School, Winston Park K-8 Center and Aventura Waterways K-8 Center.



News and Motivational Corner....



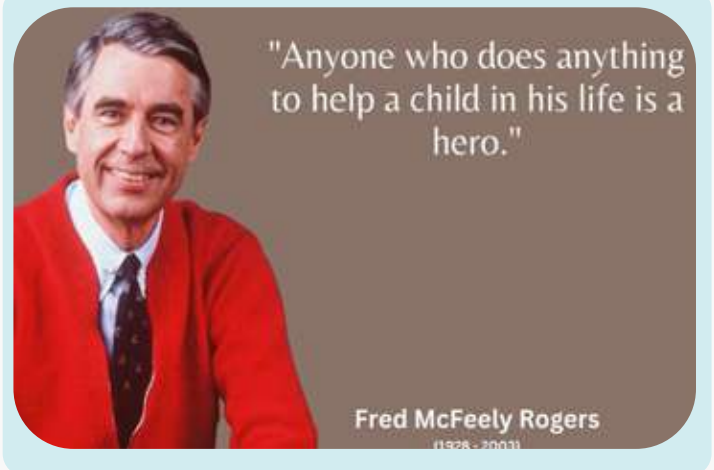
Great news! Florida gets a break from the state's 6 percent sales tax representing significant savings for families as the summer break ends and the new school year begins.

No Florida sales tax or local option tax will be collected between July 20 and August 20, 2026 on the following items:

- Purchases of clothing, footwear, and certain accessories selling for \$60 or less per item.
- Certain school supplies selling for \$15 or less per item.
- The first \$1,000 of the sales price of personal computers and certain computer-related accessories, when purchased for noncommercial home or personal use.

Among the allowed school supplies are the following: binders, calculators, colored pencils, crayons, pens, construction paper, lunch boxes, notebook filler paper, glue, paste, poster paper, rulers and scissors.

(Source: [M-DCPS Communications](#).)



First Day of School:
Thursday, August 13, 2026

Be the reason that someone
smiled today!



Grant Opportunities

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: \$15,000 average

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

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



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: \$5,000 - \$50,000

Deadline: August 1, 2026

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



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/>

Grant Opportunities Continued

August 2026

Florida Humanities Community Project Grants

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

Deadlines: Fall 2026 - LOI/June 3 and **Final Application August 5, 2026.**

Estimated Spring 2027 deadline dates: LOI due February 2027 and Final Applications April 15, 2026.

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



Note: Funding for the Florida Humanities comes from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and private donations. Since 1965, NEH has awarded over \$6 billion to support museums, historic sites, universities, teachers, libraries, documentary filmmakers, public TV and radio stations, research institutions, scholars, and local humanities programming.



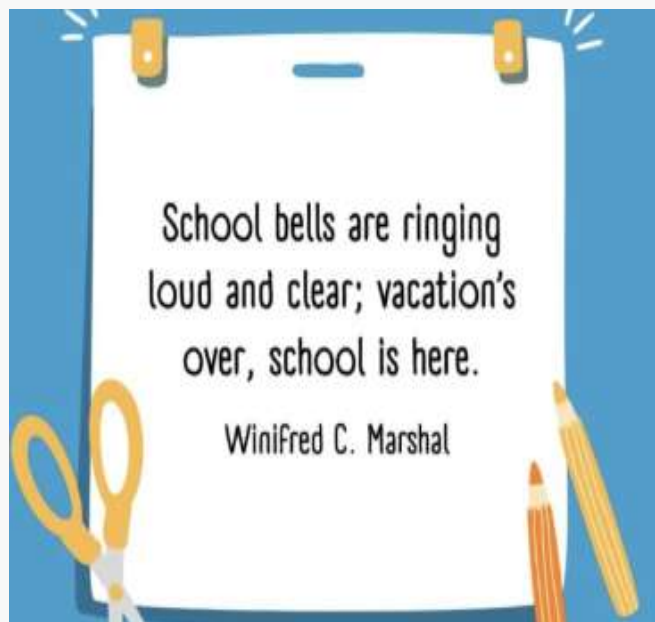
Lois Lenski Covey Foundation Bookmobile

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/>



Grant Opportunities Continued

August 2026

National Society of High School Scholars (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 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/>



September 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/>

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: September 1, 2026

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

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Award: \$250.00

Deadline: OPENS July 6 and closes **September 11**

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

Grant Opportunities Continued

September 2026



Les Paul Foundation

Awards grants to programs and projects that encourage innovation in music production and/or performance and to innovative STEM and STEAM programs for students and others in challenging situations.

Award: \$1,500 - \$2,000

Deadlines: **September 15, 2026** and January 15, 2027

Website: <https://www.les-paul.com/the->

National Education Association (NEA) Foundation Learning & Leadership Grants

Through our Learning & Leadership grants, we support the professional development of NEA members by providing grants to:

- Individuals to participate in high-quality professional development like summer institutes, conferences, seminars, travel abroad programs, or action research.
- Groups to fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson plan development, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff.

Award: up to \$5,000

Deadline: September 15, 2026

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

The Pabst Steinmetz Foundation

The foundation provides financial support through our grant application process to organizations whose missions align with ours. Of particular interest are groups working the intersection of the arts with wellness, education, medicine, and technology for the betterment of our community. We are keenly interested in how groups are innovating in their fields, and developing models to share with other groups and organizations.

Award: \$25,000

Deadline: September 15, 2026

Website: <https://pabststeinmetzfoundation.org/applicants>

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: Up to \$2,500

Deadline: March 15; June 15; **September 15**; December 15

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

American Association of University Women (AAUW):

Community Action Grants - supports nonprofits and educational institutions dedicated to helping girls in grades K-12 build the skills, confidence, and preparation they need to thrive in STEM.

Award: Average grant \$10k up to \$50k

Deadline: LOI September 17, 2026

Website: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/community-action-grant/>

Grant Opportunities Continued

September 2026

Fall 2026 National PTA Program

National PTA, with the support of generous sponsors, is pleased to offer over \$1M to PTAs to help conduct programs in school communities. By answering only a few questions, your PTA can be eligible for \$1,250 or more in program funding. While National PTA programs are free, funding can help cover the costs of custodial services, childcare, food, transportation and translation services to ensure all families can participate.

Award: Varies

Deadline: August 20-September 24

Website: https://www.pta.org/home/run-your-pta/Awards-Grants?_zs=dQtAf&_#middleground

Classics for Kids Foundation

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

Deadlines: **September 30**, December 31, March 31, and June 30

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

Horizon Bank Community Grant Program

The mission of our Horizon Cares Community Grant Programs is to make a positive difference in the future of our communities by supporting education, arts, economic development and community efforts that meet the housing needs of low- to moderate-income families.

Award: \$1,000 - \$20,000

Deadline: September 30, 2026

Website: <https://www.horizonbank.com/about-us/community-outreach/community-grant-program>

October 2026

Hungry for Music

To provide underserved children with a hunger to play with instruments. Program served music teachers at Title One schools who identify children who cannot participate because of lack of funding.

Award: Instruments

Deadline: Title I School Music Teachers - October 2

Website: <https://hungryformusic.org/instruments/request-an-instrument/>



Jeff Campbell, Founder and Director of The Hungry for Music Foundation

Since 1992, Hungry for Music has placed more than 27,000 instruments into the hands of aspiring musicians. Children whose trajectory has been altered by the uplifting and life-changing gift of music.

Grant Opportunities Continued

October 2026

SunCoast Credit Union Foundation

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Award: Average \$15,000

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

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

Toshiba America Foundation

Grants for Grades K-5

If you're teaching in a K-5 classroom and have an idea for your students to get excited about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), we're here to help bring your vision to life. This grant is specifically designed to support the implementation of innovative projects in your own classrooms. Toshiba America Foundation (TAF) is dedicated to supporting project-based learning with tangible outcomes.

Award: Less than \$1,000

Deadline: October 1, 2026

Website: <https://toshiba.com/taf/k5/>

Kids Gardening Waterwise Garden Grant

The program aims to help public and charter schools integrate water conservation and responsible water management education into their curricula through garden-based learning experiences. In 2026, awards will be given to twenty-five elementary and/or middle school programs.

Award: Up to \$2,250 and irrigation supply kit valued at \$500

Deadline: October 3, 2026

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

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. Micro-grants 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:

January 1, 2022; April 5, July 5, **October 5**

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



McDonald's Golden Grants

McDonald's is proud to support our local communities through the Golden Grants program to help non-profit organizations that serve children from ages 5 -18, including those in grade levels K-12. Qualifying activities include the following, as long as need is demonstrated: Arts activities, Education initiatives, Mentorship and empowerment programs, After-school programs, Community service, Sports activities, Technology

Award: \$10,000

Deadline: October 10, 2026



Grant Opportunities Continued

October 2026

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

Deadlines Quarterly:

Mar. 10 – Apr. 15, 2026

May 1– Jul. 15, 2026

Aug. 1 – **Oct. 15, 2026**

Nov. 3 – Dec. 31, 2026

Website: <https://www.walmart.org/how-we-give/program-guidelines/spark-good-local-grants-guidelines>

Whole Food Market Foundation

Traditional Bee Grant

This program allows for K-12 schools or nonprofit organizations that serve any grades K-12. A choice of a monetary or equipment grant intended to support schools in bringing live bees to their campus or grow their already existing educational hive program.

Award: \$1,500 or Indoor Observation Hive

Deadline: October 15, 2026

Website: <https://www.wholefoodmarketfoundation.org/our-work/childrens-nutrition/bee-grant>



Holocaust Education Grants for Teachers

To support schools and teachers nationwide educating students about anti-hate, respect, and kindness through Holocaust education. These school funding grants can be used to fund Holocaust-related learning materials, field trips, Holocaust survivor speakers, and other learning resources.

Award: \$1,000

Deadline: October 17, 2026

Education Webinar: August 25, 2026

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

Education is a **powerful tool** in the fight against hate and discrimination.

Quadratic Cares 'Energize the Environment' Grant Program

To support an individual or group currently pursuing a program or initiative designed to benefit our environment. Some examples of this would be: trail building or restoration projects, park beautification events, litter prevention initiatives, earth study missions, sustainable land management activities, community environmental educational projects, and youth educational engagement events.

Award: \$3,500

Deadline: October 30, 2027

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

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>

Crayola Art in Education Grant

This grant program awards up to 20 schools nationwide annually with funding and supplies to support innovative teaching practices that use art as a catalyst for learning. Awards include:

- \$2,500 cash grant to fund your school's creative initiative
- \$1,000 in Crayola products to support art activities
- Access to Crayola's professional learning resources
- Recognition by Crayola and the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP)

Note: Community Grant Applications for the 2027 Crayola Community Grants will be accepted September 1st, 2026 through December 31st, 2026. Please visit [CrayolaCares.com](https://www.crayola.com/company/crayola-cares) for more information.

Website: <https://www.crayola.com/company/crayola-cares>

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/>

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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. 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.

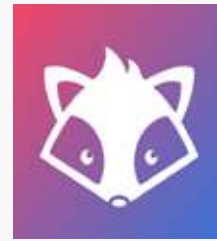
Website: <https://molinafoundation.org/join-our-network/>



CritterCoin

Digital achievements-and-rewards system
RedCritic 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://trust.mlbplayers.com/about-us>

Grant Writing Workshops 2026-2027

For more information on grant writing and other financial resources, please visit
our website at
www.DadeGetsGrants.net

Grant Writing Workshops

Workshop	Date	Registration/Location
Insta-Grants	Monday, August 10, 2026	Webinar
Insta-Grants	Monday, September 21, 2026	Webinar
Insta-Grants	Friday, January 15, 2027	Webinar
Insta-Grants	Wednesday, March 10, 2027	Webinar
Intermediate	Monday, March 29, 2027	Paul Bell MS
Insta-Grants	Friday, June 4, 2027	Webinar

To register, participants must use the M-DCPS Professional Learning Platform. It includes the District Professional Learning Catalog listing available grant writing workshops.



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