

# Funding Newsletter

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

March 2026



## Rooted in Success: New Nature-Based Lab Coming to Charles R. Drew K-8 Center



Charles R. Drew K-8 Principal Quintera S. Parris and School Board Member Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall are joined by District representatives, staff, and students at the playground's groundbreaking.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) hosted a groundbreaking ceremony at Charles R. Drew K-8 Center to celebrate the launch of a transformative nature-based outdoor classroom, funded through a \$125,000 grant from the PNC Foundation, and supplemented by Capital resources.

“Our Pre-K program is where the magic and exploration begin for our littlest Rams,” said Charles R. Drew K-8 Principal Quintera S. Parris. “Thanks to the generous grant from PNC Foundation, our students will have the opportunity to learn, grow, and be great beyond the classroom.”

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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](mailto:abzymartinez@dadeschools.net).

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The new facility will include:

- Sensory play areas
- Gardening beds
- Music & movement areas with outdoor instruments
- A dedicated loose-parts engineering zone
- A bike/ride loop
- Nature art & building stations
- New shade elements, trees, and student-centered outdoor learning features

“Being a part of this project from its inception and witnessing its steady course towards completion when the children will be able to enjoy the innovative playground at their school, is an example of what drives our district with an unwavering passion for our kids to succeed,” says Maria Cervantes, District Supervisor, with the M-DCPS Office of Grants Administration.

Funding for this project was made possible through PNC’s signature philanthropic initiative, PNC Grow Up Great®, a \$500 million bilingual initiative that helps prepare children from birth through age 5 for success in school and life, with a particular emphasis on underserved communities. In celebration of the 20th anniversary of PNC Grow Up Great® in 2024, the foundation focused its efforts on expanding outdoor play and learning, including a special grant initiative to help build or refresh nature-based play and learning spaces in PNC communities nationwide.

Construction is expected to begin shortly, with the playground slated for completion later this year. A formal ribbon-cutting ceremony will follow once construction is finalized.

## M-DCPS is awarded Mental Health Services Professional Grant!



Miami-Dade County Public Schools was recently awarded a \$4 million, multi-year grant from the United States Department of Education under the Mental Health Service Professional Demonstration Grant Program. The purpose of the grant is to increase the number of credentialed school-based mental health providers, delivering mental health services to students in high-need local education agencies.

The awarded project, entitled Project HOPE-SP (Holistic Opportunities for Preparation and Excellence in School Psychology), will address critical shortages of school psychologists and work to increase the number of credentialed school psychologists employed at M-DCPS through a school-based mental health partnership with a nationally accredited school psychology program. The program will provide coursework and training through collaborative projects and monthly workshops on evidence-based assessment and intervention practices. The collaborative partnership allows for capacity building, namely recruitment and retention of school psychologists, enhancing field experience using evidence-based practices, and strengthening access and delivery of mental health interventions.

This investment is about more than just resources; it's about ensuring every child has a dedicated advocate for their well-being within our halls. By strengthening our mental health support system, we are making sure no student has to navigate their challenges alone.



# Grant Opportunities

## March 2026

### NEA Foundation Learning and Leadership Grant.

The purpose of this program is to enable educators to grow their leadership skills and invest in professional development to maximize their impact inside and outside the classroom. Eligibility is limited to teachers, education support professionals, or specialized instructional support personnel and must be current NEA members.

Award Ceiling: \$5,000.

Deadline: March 2, 2026

Website: <https://www.neafoundation.org/educator-grants-and-fellowships/learning-leadership-grants/>



### Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants

Schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations who help K-12 students that are below grade level or having trouble reading are eligible to apply. Grant funding is provided to assist in the following areas:

- Implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs
- Purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives
- Purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs

Award: \$5,000

Applications Open: March 5, 2026

Website: <https://www.dgliteracy.org/grant-programs/?#youth-literacy-grants>



### The Kemper Foundation

The purpose of this program is to support school- or program-wide dual-language initiatives, including school resource and technology improvement, instructional support and professional development, and community and cultural engagement. Eligibility is limited to Title I public and charter elementary schools serving bilingual students in the following counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura (California); Broward and Miami-Dade (Florida); and Dallas and Hidalgo (Texas). Must have an established dual-language (Spanish-English) program with at least one year of implementation.

Award ceiling: \$10,000

Deadline: March 9, 2026

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

### Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes Awards

Given to those who have demonstrated positive spirit, courage, intelligence, generosity, and high moral purpose, shown initiative, tenacity, and unselfishness in pursuit of their goals, accomplished something with inspirational value, something that could inspire others to make a difference, or do more than survive a difficult personal challenge.

Applicants must have organized and led an extraordinary service activity that has benefited others or the planet we share. The service activity must have been initiated and motivated primarily by the winner and cannot have been done solely to complete an assignment for school or work.

Award: Up to \$10,000

Deadline:

Pre-applications - March 15, 2026 5:00 PM MT

Full applications - April 15, 2024 5:00 PM MT

Website: <https://barronprize.org/apply/>

## Grant Opportunities Continued

### March 2026

#### America 250 America's Field Trip

The purpose of this program is to invite students across the country in grades 3 - 12 to be part of our nation's 250th anniversary by sharing their perspectives on what America means to them. Eligibility is limited to 250 U.S. students (3rd - 12th grade); student's parent/legal guardian or teacher with parental permission must submit entry on student's behalf (unless student is age of majority).

Award Ceiling: N/A.

Deadline: March 30, 2026 at 8:00 PM ET

Website: <https://america250.org/fieldtrip/>



#### 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: \$3,000-\$6,000

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

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



### April 2026

#### 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: April 5, 2026 (every quarter)

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

#### The McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation

The Foundation partners with individuals to expand educational opportunities for America's youth that inspire students by nurturing their curiosity about the world and their place in it. Funding includes scholarships that provide far more than just tuition and books; grants that benefit the lives of more than just those who receive them; and results that reach far beyond the classroom in which the projects are introduced.

- ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT GRANTS focus on maximizing innovation and results in classrooms and education departments.

- TEACHER DEVELOPMENT GRANTS focus on increasing the effectiveness of individual educators and small teams of teachers.

Award: \$10,000-\$20,000

Deadline: April 15, 2026 OR until 200 submissions are reached!

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

## Grant Opportunities Continued

### April 2026

#### The JJ Watt Foundation

Grants for after-school athletic programs in Florida - middle schools and charter schools. Our mission is to provide after-school opportunities for middle-school aged children in the community to become involved in athletics, so that they may learn the character traits of accountability, teamwork, leadership, work ethic, and perseverance, while in a safe and supervised environment with their peers.

Award: Varies

Deadlines: April 15; Sept. 15; and Jan. 15. Review deadlines online as they apply for particular sports.

Website: <https://jjwffoundation.org/request-funds/>



#### 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/program-guidelines/spark-good-local-grants-guidelines>



#### Organization for Autism Research (OAR) Community Grant Competition

The purpose of this program is to support the design, packaging, and distribution of information resources that aim to enhance the physical and mental health of autistic individuals. Eligibility is limited to community stakeholders, such as parents/family members; autistic individuals; and community organizations (e.g., K-12 public schools, parent groups, 501(c)(3) non-profits, etc.). Additionally, by the time of the award, the applicant must be a citizen or a non-citizen national of the United States or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence (i.e., possess a currently valid Permanent Resident Card USCIS Form I-551, or other legal verification of such status).

Award Ceiling: \$15,000

Deadline: April 21, 2026

Website: <https://researchautism.org/educators/community-grant-competition/>



#### US Department of Education Connecting Talent to Opportunity Challenge

The Connecting Talent to Opportunity Challenge, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, is a \$15 million prize competition to strengthen the connections between learners, education and training providers, and employers by fostering the development of integrated Talent Marketplaces.

Award: Prize pool \$1,000,000

Deadline: April 30, 2026 (sign up for information sessions!)

Website: <https://www.cto-challenge.com/>

## Grant Opportunities Continued

### 3M Young Scientist Lab

The 3M Young Scientist Challenge gives students in grades 5–8 the chance to change their world for the better with a single innovative idea. This premier science competition is a one-of-a-kind project-based learning opportunity designed to spark creativity, collaboration, and connection for students from every background.

Award: Up to \$25,000

Deadline: April 30, 2025

Website: <https://youngscientistlab.com/annual-challenge/about-the-challenge>



May 2026

### Toshiba America Foundation Grants for Grades 6-12

6th to 12th grade teachers are invited to apply on-line 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: Varies

Deadline: May 1, 2025

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

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### Harbor Freight Tools for Schools

The Harbor Freight Tools for Schools is an annual

award recognizing outstanding skilled trades teachers in U.S. public high schools. Public high school educators who teach skilled trades classes that emphasize the expert use of tools and materials to build, repair, and maintain products and structures are eligible, including teachers of agriculture mechanics, carpentry, construction, electrical, HVAC, manufacturing, plumbing, transportation mechanics, welding, and other trades.

Award: Varies

Deadline: May 2, 2025

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

### The Anxiety & Depression Initiative

(The ADI) The Anxiety & Depression Initiative (The ADI) works to promote the benefits of an active and healthy lifestyle while living with anxiety, depression, and related disorders to provide general information about mental health resources and to overall help lessen the stigmas associated with anxiety, depression, and related disorders. National.

Award: up to \$10,000

Deadline: May 31, 2026

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



# 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](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/](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. 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. They offer lessons on great American authors, Shakespeare, and the Renaissance.”

Website: <https://florida.pbslearningmedia.org/>

### 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>

# OGA Spotlight

Congratulations to the 2026 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees and Legacy Donors



Sheldon T. Anderson, John H. Dasburg, Jaret L. Davis, Marie Ferdinand-Harris, Katherine Fernandez Rundle, and Carlos A. Migoya were the illustrious M-DCPS 2026 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees. In addition, Melissa Latus, Administrative Director with the Office of Grants Administration was recognized with other distinguished community members as M-DCPS Legacy Donors for their long standing commitment to the foundation.

# Grant Writing Workshops 2025-2026

For more information on grant writing and other financial resources, please visit  
our website at  
[www.DadeGetsGrants.net](http://www.DadeGetsGrants.net)

Workshop	Date	Registration/Location
INSTAGrants	March 20, 2026	Webinar
Intermediate Grant Writing	April 3, 2026	Pual W. Bell Middle School 11800 N.W. 2nd Street, Miami, Florida 33182



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