Funding Newsletter

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

2024-2025 Foundation for New Education Initiatives (FNEI) Mini Grant Winners Progress

Comstock Elementary

The winners of the 2024-25 Foundation for New Education Initiatives (FNEI) Mini-Grant Award were announced in August 2025. FNEI, a direct-support organization for Miami-Dade County Public Schools, sponsors this competitive Mini-Grant program for all Pre-K through grade 12 schools, including alternative schools, primary learning centers, and specialized centers.

Each submitted project is required to promote innovative educational activities and uphold high academic achievement standards.

The proposed projects are designed to impact students in various ways—whether through individual classroom activities, school-wide programs, or broader District initiatives. Additionally, they may include enrichment programs before or after school.

The winning schools have already begun implementing their projects, all of which are dedicated to enhancing student learning. Several of these schools have shared updates on their progress, showcasing the positive impact of these initiatives.

What's Inside?

IMPORTANT

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 **Aileen Delgado** at **adelgado28@dadeschools.net**.

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KENWOOD K-8 CENTER

Kenwood K-8 Center's "Kenwood CODE 2.0 (Cougars Operating Devices Effectively) Project" expands its existing technology education initiative by integrating robotics, mathematics, and science through hands-on learning for middle school students. The project aims to enhance students' problem-solving skills and technological engagement.

With increased student performance and interest in coding, the program has already shown promising results. Computer Science elective students continue developing coding skills by programming and operating robotic devices. A highlight of the project is the planned "Kenwood Robot Day 2.0" in June 2025, featuring competitive robotic events.

"Our students completed their pre-assessments and are actively engaged in learning the coding and related skills to proceed with constructing, programming, and operating their teams' robots," said Gabriel P. Quintero, Assistant Principal at Kenwood K-8 Center.

HAMMOCKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Hammocks Middle School's Apple Coding Magnet program is leveraging the mini-grant to support an innovative technology field trip to Universal Studios' Kong Island. The project provides students with hands-on coding and technological learning experiences.

With 18 chaperones and growing student enthusiasm, the program has already increased enrollment and demonstrated improved mathematical and computational thinking skills.

Students will attend a Kongtrol lecture and explore coding applications, bridging classroom learning with real-world technological insights. The February field trip represents a key opportunity for students to engage with advanced STEM concepts in an immersive learning environment.
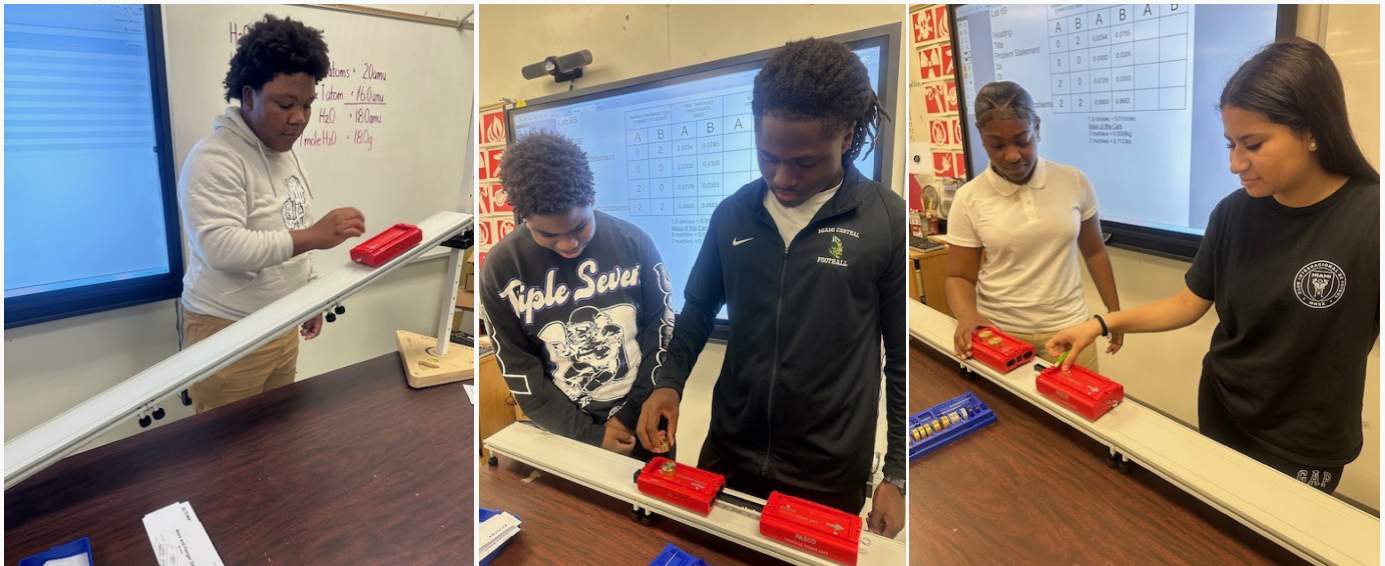

MIAMI CENTRAL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Miami Central Senior High School transformed its physics education by purchasing new equipment with mini-grant funds. New Universal Serial Bus (USB) enabled cars and precision plastic tracks now allow students to conduct more accurate scientific experiments, providing real-time data visualization through SMART Board technology.

The modern equipment has increased student engagement, improved experimental precision, and inspired a deeper understanding of physics principles by creating a more professional, interactive learning environment.

"The impact of this grant-funded transformation is evident in the enthusiasm, participation, and academic growth of our students, paving the way for a future generation of scientists, engineers, and innovators," said Arthur D. Diamond, Science Department Chairman at Miami Central Senior High School.

COMSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Comstock Elementary School's innovative project transforms student learning through an interdisciplinary approach combining gardening, technology, and entrepreneurship. The initiative establishes an edible garden that integrates science, nutrition, mathematics, and art into a hands-on learning experience.

Students will engage directly with nutrition by growing and harvesting fruits and vegetables while exploring technological skills through graphic design and entrepreneurial concepts. The project includes using a DTF printer for fundraising to sustain the garden's long-term maintenance.

"The students are thrilled to take part in the gardening activities, and their excitement is evident as they eagerly use their small tools and put on their gardening gloves, ready to engage in a meaningful project," said Tanisha N. Charles, Art Teacher at Comstock Elementary.

DR. FREDERICA S. WILSON/SKYWAY ELEMENTARY

Dr. Frederica S. Wilson/Skyway Elementary is launching the G.I.R.L.S. (Giving Individuals Rigorous Lessons in STEM) program, targeting first and second-grade girls to address the significant underrepresentation of women in STEM fields. With science scores fluctuating between 29% and 46% from 2019 to 2022, the program aims to spark early interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
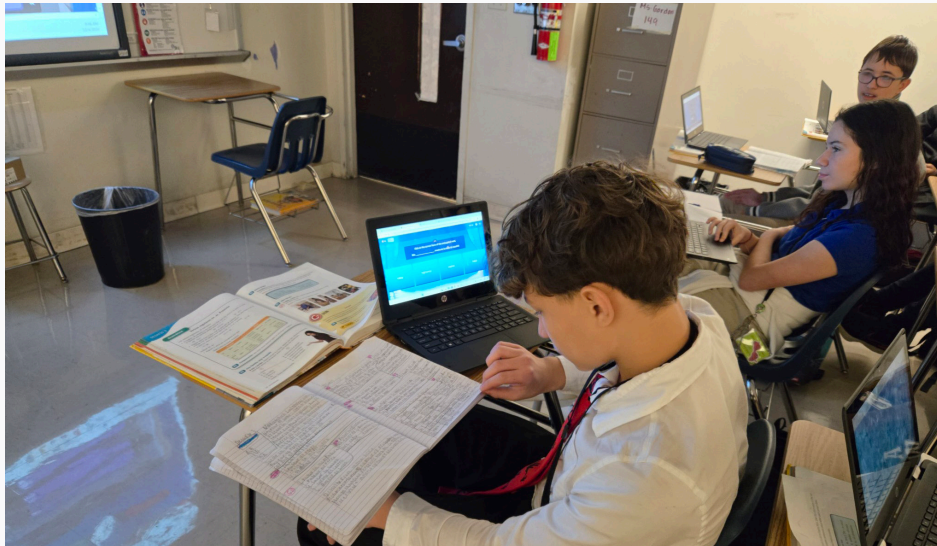
The initiative will provide hands-on learning experiences, including VexGo Robotics training, preparing students to compete in the Spring 2025 competition.

"According to the US Census, women are still vastly underrepresented in the STEM workforce. The G.I.R.L.S. program is ensuring that more enrichment programs are beneficial to students (especially girls) in low-income (Title I) schools like ours," said Tiffany C. James, Principal at Dr. Frederica S. Wilson/Skyway Elementary.

AVENTURA WATERWAYS K-8 CENTER

Aventura Waterways K-8 Center implemented an innovative educational initiative using interactive learning platforms like Quizizz and AI technologies. Supporting their diverse student population of 61% minority and 53% economically disadvantaged learners, the school transformed traditional classroom experiences by enabling students to answer 187,000 educational questions and develop personalized learning resources.

The project created a more inclusive learning environment that addresses language barriers and attention difficulties. Students experienced increased engagement, with the interactive approach supporting critical thinking and reducing test anxiety. Teachers benefited from real-time data tracking and personalized instructional tools, leading to greater student participation and enthusiasm.

TREASURE ISLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Treasure Island Elementary School's "Harmony in Motion" is an innovative after-school program for 4th and 5th-grade students, integrating performing arts with Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) disciplines.

"We are currently in the preliminary stages, having recently completed student auditions and identified the participants for the program," said Lourdes Dorvilus, Treasure Island Elementary Counselor.

The project blends artistic expression with interdisciplinary learning, focusing on dance, music, and acting while exploring science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. Students will develop creativity, critical thinking, and collaborative skills through interactive workshops and performances.

Grant Opportunities

January 2025

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, 2025 (and Quarterly - April 5, July 5, October 5)
Website: https://karmaforcara.org/microgrant-application

Helen Diller Family Foundation Diller Teen Tikkun Olam Awards
To invest in Jewish teens, creating powerful experiences that strengthen both their Jewish identity and their leadership abilities. Eligibility is limited to individuals who are 13-19 years old; identify as Jewish; are a resident of the United States; are volunteering without any compensation; and are currently serving in a leadership role on one project or initiative that embodies the values of tikkun olam - repairing the world.
Award: $36,000
Deadline: January 9, 2025
Website: https://dillerteenawards.org/about-the-awards/

Les Paul Foundation
The Les Paul Foundation aims to inspire innovative and creative thinking by sharing the legacy of Les Paul through support of music education, recording, innovation, exhibits about Les Paul, and medical research related to hearing.
The foundation invites applications for grants to support programs and projects that encourage innovation in music production and/or performance and innovative STEM or STEAM programs for students and others in challenging situations.
Award: Varies
Deadline: January 15, 2025
Website: https://www.les-paul.com/the-foundation/

Mockingbird Foundation
To provide grants to schools and nonprofit organizations in the United States that focus on music education for children, an area of importance to the Phish fan community. The Foundation is particularly interested in projects that foster creative expression and encourages applications associated with diverse or unusual musical styles, genres, forms, and philosophies. Funding is primarily provided for programs serving children eighteen years of age or younger, but projects which benefit college students, teachers, instructors, or adult students may be considered.
Award: $100 to $10,000
Deadline: January 15, 2025
Website: https://mbird.org/grants/apply/

PADI Foundation Research and Education Grant

To support research and education related to aquatic environments. The program seeks projects that enrich mankind's understanding of aquatic environments and encourage sensitivity to and protection of ecosystems; increase understanding of sport diving physics and physiology that will benefit the general diving public and add to the scientific understanding of man's relationship and ability to survive in the underwater environment; or improve understanding of, and response to, hazards to humans and ecosystems related to climate change in coastal and ocean environments.
Award: $12,000
Deadline: January 15, 2025
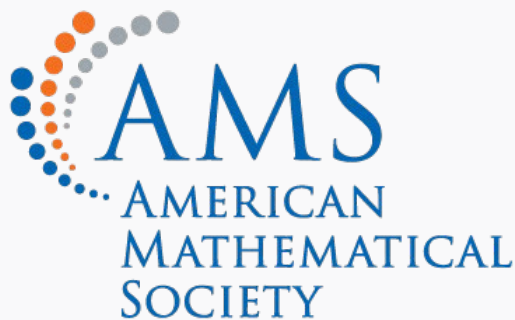**Website:** https://www.ams.org/grants-awards/

American Mathematical Society (AMS) Young Scholars Program

To support summer mathematics programs in the United States for mathematically talented youth. The program aims to nurture those that are interested in mathematics by aiding summer programs that provide high school students with opportunities to engage with mathematics in a way that builds curiosity and confidence. Eligibility is limited to applicants that have a proven track record of at least one year in operation and preferably more. Programs must be located in the United States.
Award: $15,000
Deadline: January 22, 2025
Website: https://www.ams.org/grants-awards/emp-epsilon

February 2025

Emeril Lagasse Foundation

The Emeril Lagasse Foundation makes community grants to organizations providing culinary, nutrition, arts education and programs focusing on life skills development. The funds may be used for capital or programmatic support. Examples of previous funding include grants to programs teaching culinary and hospitality skills to students who are underserved; a summer camp and after-school enrichment program providing prevention and intervention services to students who are at risk; and a summer arts camp for students aged 6 through 14 that offer workshops in music, visual arts, culinary arts, theater, and dance inspired by award-winning children's books. To be eligible, applicants must be a nonprofit 501(c)(3), Public, Private, or Charter school or an organization in Greater New Orleans and the Gulf South Region, includ-ing Louisiana, Florida, Texas, Mississippi, and Alabama. Interested applicants must first submit a Concept Paper; selected applicants are then invited to submit a full proposal.
Award: Varies
Deadline: February 1, 2025 (and August 1, annually)
Website: https://www.emeril.org/community-grants

NEA Foundation

Through our Learning & Leadership grants, we support the professional development of NEA members by providing grants to:
Individuals to participate in high-quality pro-fesional 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. Learning and Leadership grants are intended to provide resources for educators hoping to engage in professional learning that can be implemented in their classrooms.
Award: up to $5,000
Deadline: February 1, 2025
Website: https://www.neafoundation.org/educa-torgrants-and-fellowships/learning-leadership-grants/

Education Grants, Arthur F. and Alice E. Adams Charitable Foundation

The Arthur F. and Alice E. Adams Foundation provides grants in the focus areas of arts, culture, humanities, and education. Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that serve residents of Memphis, Tennessee; Miami, Florida; and New York City, New York are eligible to apply. Grant requests for specific programs, performances, publications, and more should be scheduled to commence 12 months or more from the proposal submis-sion deadline. The foundation does not accept requests for general operating or endowment support. Applications must be submitted online.
Award: up to $5,000
Deadline: February 15, 2025 (annually)
Website: https://www.wellsfargo.com/private-foundations/adams-charitable-foundation

Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs Community Grants (CG) Program

The Community Grants (CG) Program is respon-sive on a quarterly basis to nonprofit organiza-tions developing small and large-scale commu-nity-based cultural (dance, theater, music, visual arts) programs, as well as projects and events, such as fairs, parades, neighborhood festivals and publications that have a strong artistic com-ponent.
Award: Up to $7,500 for first time applicants and up to $15,000 for annually recurring projects with a two-year minimum track record such as festivals and fairs drawing 1,000 people or more per day to the
event.
Deadline: February 22, 2025 (projects taking place between July 1 - September 30)
Website: https://miamidadearts.org/communi-tygrants-cg-program

March 2025

Clif Family Foundation Operational Support Grants

To support daily operating costs and specific projects that address two or more funding priorities at the same time (strengthen our food system, enhance equitable community health outcomes, and safeguard our environment and natural resources); demonstrate strong community ties; and operate within viable and clearly defined plans for positive change.
Award: Varies
Deadline: March 1, 2025
Website: https://cliffamilyfoundation.submittable.com/submit

Association of American Educators Foundation Classroom Grant

Classroom grants can be used for a variety of projects and materials including, but not limited to, books, software, calculators, math manipulatives, art supplies, audio-visual equipment, and lab materials. Funds must be used within one year of the application deadline.
Award: Up to $500
Deadline: March 1, 2025
Website: https://cliffamilyfoundation.submittable.com/submit

Classics For Kids Foundation

If your school believes in the role of fine instruments in your program, and can show evidence of need and commitment to raising matching funds, and can show evidence of need and commitment to raising matching funds, you are a strong candidate for the Classics for Kids matching grant program.
Award: $1,000 - $2,000 (matching funds)
Deadline: March 31, 2025
Website: https://classicsforkids.org/apply-for-a-grant/

Rolling Opportunities

Florida Bicycle Association - School Grants for Safer Students

The grant reimburses schools up to $500 for their staff time to assign and use the free, online Florida Bicycle Safety Quiz. School leaders and teachers can apply for the funding via a simple form at the link below. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. As funds are limited and expected to run out quickly, schools are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

Award: up to $500
Deadline: Until funds run out
Website: https://floridabicycle.org/safestudents

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 cleat 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/

MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation

The MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation is a joint initiative between Major League Baseball (MLB) and the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA) that supports efforts focused on improving the caliber, effectiveness, and availability of amateur baseball and softball programs across the United States and internationally.
The foundation considers requests for a variety of purposes, including: Capital Projects, Baseball and Softball Programs, Education Initiatives, and Public Schools.

Award: Varies
Deadline: Rolling
Website: https://www.baseballydf.com/youth-development-foundation/apply

Fiddler on the Roof Grants

Fiddler on the Roof Grants support middle school and high school productions of the musical Fiddler on the Roof. Eligible applicants are any middle school or high school with an active Thespian troupe. Priority is given to Title I schools or schools with a high percentage of students receiving free or reduced--price lunch in urban and rural locations.

Award(s): Grants up to $1,500 for royalties and $1,000 for MTI production resources are awarded.
Deadline: Rolling
Website: https://foundation.schooltheatre.org/grants/

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

Glenn W. Bailey Foundation Grants

The foundation invites letters of inquiry for innovative early childhood STEM education programs in Florida. Any program or idea sup porting 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/faqs

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

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. This initiative is meant to provide an otherwise unavailable educational experience and bridge the digital divide among at-risk children. GTECH focuses on increasing children's interest in careers in computers and provide them with the necessary tools to help them become more competitive in the school and in today's job market. During their grant-giving history, IGT has donated more than 270 computer labs across the U.S. and in several other countries. 501(c)(3) organizations and public schools are eligible to apply.

Award: up to $15,000
Deadline: Rolling
Website: https://www.snpo.org/publications/fundingalert_details.php?id=2410

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/

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

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 at any time and are reviewed various time throughout the year.

Award: $2,000 to $10,000
Deadline: Rolling
Website: https://www.wishyouwellfoundation.org/apply-for-funding

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 for existing and provably successful literacy programs that have been established for a minimum of two years.

Award: Up to $10,000, though the majority of grants are for $3,000 or less
Website: https://believeinreading.org/grant-guidelines/

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

McKeen Fund

The Fund's Mission is to improve the lives of the elderly, people with disabilities and disadvantaged children and families. Today, the McKeen Fund continues to support the donor's philanthropic philosophy and values, including an emphasis on giving to Roman Catholic organizations. Fund resources extend to direct charitable activities, including leadership, expertise and a commitment to our grantees and other non-profit organizations.

Award: $5,000 - $10,000 However it states up to $50,000
Deadline: Rolling
Website: http://www.mckeenfund.org/

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/

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

The Climate Initiative: Youth Action Grants

TCI's Youth Action Grants provide support to youth organizations and individuals for youth-led, community-based action projects that empower youth ages 13-23 to develop climate solutions in their local landscape. The goal is to encourage youth to take action within their communities to better mitigate climate challenges, foster climate change discussion and education, and provide young people with the necessary resources to fill the gaps of climate adaptation in their communities.
Award: Up to $2,500
Deadline: Rolling
Website: https://www.theclimateinitiative.org/resources/youth-grants/

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/

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

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

The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation

The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation and DonorsChoose.org make it easy for anyone to help a classroom in need. Public school teachers from every corner of the U.S. create classroom projects requests, and people give any amount to the project that inspires them.
Award: Varies
Deadline: Rolling
Website: https://pgafamilyfoundation.org/about

Believe in Reading - Grants for Literacy Programs

Supports the efforts of non-profit organizations that teach, improve, or encourage reading by people of all ages from around the world. Grants are awarded to existing and provably successful literacy programs.
Award: $3,000
Deadline: Rolling
Website: https://believeinreading.org/

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

ALDI Cares Community Grants

ALDI, Inc. provides funding in the form of philanthropic donations and/or gift cards to local nonprofit 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 nonprofit 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-program/

Digital Wish Grants

Digital Wish Grants aims to help teachers receive funding for technology in their classroom. Through this program, teachers that submit a lesson plan are automatically eligible to be entered to win up to 50 technology grants. Participating teachers can share classroom stories and experiences and Digital Wish Grants will add them to the website. This allows potential donors to make contributions.
Award: Various Grants (e.g., Computer Science Teacher Grant $1,000)
Deadline: Rolling
Website: http://www.digitalwish.com

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/

Saxena Family Foundation Grants

The Saxena Family Foundation has a particular focus on initiatives that promote US science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and the empowerment of girls, female children, and young women so that they have equal rights later in life. The foundation focuses on empowerment programs to include economic, educational, and political empowerment of women through literacy programs, jobs, and life-skills training. Previous grantees have included schools, universities, and nonprofit organizations.
Award: The Foundation anticipates most grants will be in the $5,000-$50,000 range. Initial grants are not necessarily typical of future grants.
Deadline: Rolling
Website: http://saxenafoundation.com/guidelines/

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://go.kidsparkeducation.org/grants/stem-equity-grant-programs#grant-application

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

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/

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

Yellow Buses in the Park

The purpose of the "Yellow Buses in the Parks" program is to assist with the transportation costs associated with field trips to State Parks, so that no child is deprived from the benefits of seeing Florida's natural, cultural, and historical parks.
Award: Transportation costs for Florida State Park field trip.
Deadline: Rolling
Website: https://floridastateparksfoundation.org/programs/grant-programs/

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

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

Slow Food Garden Grant

Slow Food Miami makes Edible Garden Grants that support student-centered vegetable gardens in Miami-Dade County schools. The goal is to address childhood nutritional issues such as malnutrition and obesity, as well as to encourage students to develop healthy, respectful attitudes toward food. Funding includes planting support and consultation throughout the growing season. Eligible applicants are public and private prekindergarten through grade 12 schools in Miami-Dade County, Florida. Applications must be submitted using the online system.
Award: Varies
Deadline: Rolling
Website: https://slowfoodusa.org/school-gardens/grants-garden-guide/

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. The Foundation offers program and research grants, scholarship and internship programs, and several awards. Visit the Foundation's website for a list of open opportunities. Eligible applicants: Nonprofits, schools, and individuals.
Award: Varies
Deadline: Rolling
Website: https://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/wsf_program_categories/girl-serving-programs/

Duke Energy Foundation

The Duke Energy Foundation provides grants that support programs to address the summer reading loss ("summer slide") experienced by rising kindergartners through rising third-graders and programs that advance energy, engineering, and environmental education through student programming or teacher professional development. Programs serving underrepresented, low-income, or diverse audiences, including women and minorities, will be given preference in this grant cycle. Programs that extend into out-of-school time will be given preference in this grant cycle.
Award: Varies
Deadline: Rolling
Website: https://www.duke-energy.com/community/duke-energy-foundation/florida

Eduporium Educational Technology Grant

Our grant is open to all educators in the United States and we encourage everyone to apply! The application process opens on the first of each month and concludes on the 20th. Following the 20-day submission period, our team will review all new grant applications and notify the awardee by the last business day of the month. We will announce the recipient via our Twitter account, email newsletter, blog, and contact the person directly. 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

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/ways-to-give/corporate-foundation-support/#!our-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/

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/robotics/frc

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/search/?selected_facet=media_type:Collection

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

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Energy Curricula and Learning Kits are now available for K-12 Public Schools!

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Energy is offering FREE Energy Education Kits for Florida's K-12 schools and School-Age Childcare Facilities (as referenced in 65C-22.008(1), F.A.C.). . Each kit contains wires, motors, milliamp meters, multi-testers, propellers, UV detecting beads, thermometers, prisms, videos, watt meters, reference books, career guides, and various types and sizes of photovoltaic panels..
Website: https://www.fdacs.gov/Business-Services/Energy/Energy-Education-Kits

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

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/

Library of Congress (Virtual Workshops for Students in Grades 3-8)

NEW virtual workshops for students in grades 3-8. Connect with Library collections with one of these programs, led by a Library educator: Rosa Parks: Freedom Fighter, Imagination: Everyone's Superpower, and Stories in the Stars: Mythology at the Library of Congress.
Website: https://www.loc.gov/visit/virtual-student-workshops/

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/

Code Quest

A computer programming competition that puts high school student's coding skills to the test by solving problems created by Lockheed Martin Information Technology professionals.
Website: https://www.lockheedmartin.com/en-us/who-we-are/communities/codequest.html

Library of Congress (Online Webinars)

The Library of Congress offers educator webinars and workshops facilitated by education resource specialists. As sessions are added, we will post them here. Educators may also access materials and recordings from previously held webinars.
Website: https://www.loc.gov/programs/teachers/professional-development/webinar/

Grant Writing Workshops 2024-2025

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

Workshop	Date	Registration/ Location
Intermediate Grant Writing	January 17, 2025	Paul Bell Middle School
INSTAGrants	April 18, 2025	Webinar
Intermediate Grant Writing	June 6, 2025	TBD
In order to register, participants must use the M-DCPS Professional Learning Platform. It includes the District Professional Learning Catalog listing available grant writing workshops.		