

M-DCPS Honors Green Schools for Environmental Efforts



Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) recently hosted its inaugural Green Schools Recognition Program to honor the environmental efforts of 75 schools across the district, from elementary to high school levels.

The event, held at the Thalatta Estate, celebrated the schools' commitment to sustainability, with all 75 schools receiving a participation award for their efforts. Hosted by Ron Magill, the ceremony highlighted the innovative work of these schools, which are leading the way in environmental stewardship.

The top three schools with the highest scores for their overall sustainability efforts received the prestigious Green Schools Award, along with monetary prizes of \$5,000, \$3,000, and \$1,000:

- 1st Place – Air Base K-8 Center
- 2nd Place – Terra Environmental Research Institute
- 3rd Place – Twin Lakes Elementary School

In addition to the overall winners, seven schools were recognized for their outstanding efforts in specific sustainability categories:

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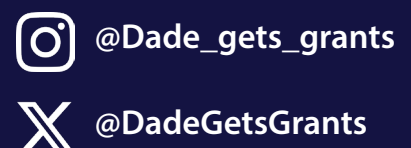
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IMPORTANT

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.

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- Community Involvement – Dr. Carlos J. Finlay Elementary School
- School-Wide Culture – Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center
- Innovation – Cutler Bay Senior High School

"As the third largest district in the nation, M-DCPS has extensive facility space and we want to make sure we're being conservative with our resources to benefit the planet," said M-DCPS Sustainability Officer Karly Pulido. "We also want to ensure that these lessons are carried from our students into their adulthood."

M-DCPS Secures \$1M Grant for Rachel's Challenge Mental Health Program in 30 Schools



Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has obtained a significant \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to enhance student well-being and foster a more positive school atmosphere. This three-year initiative will introduce Rachel's Challenge, an evidence-based program, to 30 middle schools across the district, benefiting over 23,000 students.

Rachel's Challenge, inspired by Columbine victim Rachel Scott, aims to create safer and more inclusive learning environments. The program focuses on cultivating positive relationships, preventing bullying and violence, and promoting mental health support.

M-DCPS serves an exceptionally diverse student population, with over 94% identifying as racial or ethnic minorities and nearly 25% classified as English language learners. This diversity, representing more than 160 nationalities, presents unique challenges, especially in the post-pandemic era.

By implementing Rachel's Challenge, M-DCPS reaffirms its commitment to nurturing inclusive and supportive school environments for all students, addressing the complex needs of its diverse community.

M-DCPS Receives \$8.3 Million from Workforce Capitalization Incentive Grant Program

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has secured over \$8.3 million in funding through Florida's Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program, marking a major expansion of career-focused education in the nation's third-largest school district.

The cornerstone of this initiative will be the new SpaceHUB Mega-Magnet program, which will receive approximately \$3 million to create an aerospace science center in partnership with the Space Florida Academy Program. The facility will offer specialized training in advanced aerospace science, applied engineering, robotics, computer science, and electronic systems.

"This significant investment in our students' future is a testament to our commitment to providing them with the tools and resources they need to succeed in the 21st-century workforce," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jose L. Dotres.

Beyond aerospace education, the grant will strengthen M-DCPS's career and technical programs across several emerging fields. Students will gain access to expanded offerings in artificial intelligence, building construction management, agritechnology, and entrepreneurship through business management and analysis programs.

These initiatives aim to equip students with industry-recognized credentials and certifications, preparing them for lucrative careers in Florida's growing economic sectors. Serving more than 330,000 students, M-DCPS will use this funding to enhance both K-12 and postsecondary dual enrollment opportunities, providing hands-on experience in high-demand fields while

Grant Opportunities

December 2024

Shubert Foundation

To provide operating support grants to theatres. The foundation is especially interested in providing support to professional resident theatre and dance companies that develop and produce new American work.

Award: Varies

Deadline: December 4, 2024

Website: <https://www.shubertfoundation.org/theatre>

Florida Humanities Community Project Grants

Florida Humanities Community Project Grants awards up to \$10,000 to support humanities-based learning experiences. In public humanities programming funded through this grant, Floridians are encouraged to engage in thoughtful reflection, analysis, and consideration of important topics relevant to local communities, and the state writ large. This funding opportunity aims to increase public participation in — and access to — the humanities by providing relevant, engaging, and meaningful humanities-based programming to all. At its core, Community Project Grants embody our mission to preserve, promote and share the history, literature, culture and personal stories that offer Floridians a better understanding of themselves, their communities and their state.

Award: Up to \$10,000

Deadline: December 5, 2024 (projects taking place between April 1 - June 30)

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

Youth Service America (YSA) Youth Stop Hunger Innovation Grants

To encourage youth to devise and implement sustainable hunger-relief programs in their community. Eligibility is limited to young persons between the ages of 5 and 25, who are joined by 1, 2, 3, or 4 other young people in that age range; and who live in the United States (this includes American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Washington, D.C.).

Award: \$2,500

Deadline: December 8, 2024

Website: <https://ysa.org/grants/sodexo/>

NextEra Energy Classroom Makeover Grant Program

To provide transformational learning for economically disadvantaged students in K-12 Title 1 public, charter or private schools or for schools serving a minimum of 40% economically disadvantaged students. Funds are available to address technology or resources that will advance STEM curricula, exposure, and careers to diverse students in a classroom setting.

Award: \$50,000

Deadline: December 13, 2024

Website: <https://www.fpl.com/community/education-funding.html>

Air & Space Forces Association (AFA) Educator Grants

To support aerospace education activities in classrooms from kindergarten through twelfth grades. The program encourages development of innovative aerospace activities within the prescribed curriculum.

Award: \$500

Deadline: December 15, 2024

Website: <https://www.afa.org/grants-for-education/>

Brooks and Joan Fortune Family Foundation (BJFF) Grant

To support education, art, and outreach programs and projects. Eligibility is limited to organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS. Award Ceiling: N/A.

Award: Varies

Deadline: December 31, 2024

Website: <https://www.fortunefamilyfoundation.org/application-process>

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). Applicants must have nonprofit status and be based in the United States.

Award: Varies

Deadline: December 31, 2024

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

Walmart Spark Good Local Grants

Walmart Foundation invites applications for its Spark Good Local Grants, through which Walmart U.S. stores, Sam's Clubs, and Distribution Centers award cash grants ranging from designed to address the unique needs of the communities where they operate.

Award: Ranges from \$250 to \$5000

Deadline: December 31, 2024

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

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/>



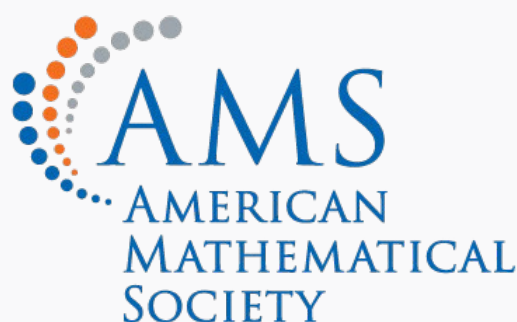
American Mathematical Society (AMS) Young Scholars Program

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, including 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>



Emeril Lagasse Foundation

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 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. 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/educatorgrants-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 submission 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 responsive on a quarterly basis to nonprofit organizations developing small and large-scale community-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 component.

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 20, 2025 (projects taking place between July 1 - September 30)

Website: <https://miamidadearts.org/community-grants-cg-program>



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/>



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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/>



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.baseballlydf.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 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/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.h2oforliveschools.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.

Website: <https://www.womenssportsfoundation.>

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>



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 RedCitter 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
INSTAGrants	December 20, 2024	Webinar
Intermediate Grant Writing	January 17, 2025	TBD
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.		