



Technology Funding Alert!

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From the Director . . .

This is CTAP Region IV's tenth year publishing the *Technology Funding Alert!* You'll be receiving five issues to keep you informed about opportunities for grants, awards and product donations that will support the use of technology in teaching and learning. The *Alert!* will also be available on our website at <http://www.ctap4.org>.

A key step for many districts in applying for funds to support educational technology is the development of a district technology plan. CTAP works hand-in-hand with districts to support the development of these plans, which then can be approved at the state level, to enable districts to receive technology funding from the state. In addition, plans submitted for approval prior to January of 2009, will enable districts to be compliant with E-Rate technology plan requirements. This year, we anticipate a few districts will submit plans in early October, while most will be submitted in the cycle that ends December 5, 2008. Districts that do not need an approved plan for E-Rate purposes can submit their plans up until April 3, 2009. All the details and the criteria for the technology plan may be found at the CDE Website: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/et/ft/eettformula.asp> and at the CTAP Region IV technology planning page <http://www.ctap4.org/grants/planning.htm>.

It is anticipated that, in 2009, additional funds will be available to districts, who have applied on behalf of their qualifying schools (in which 40% of attending students were eligible for free and reduced price meals), through the Education Technology K-12 Voucher Program. State-approved technology plans are required for districts to receive these vouchers, which resulted from a lawsuit between California consumers and Microsoft Corporation. The vouchers enable qualifying schools to purchase hardware, software, professional development and technical support. Last year, more than \$400 million became available to districts through the Education Technology K-12 Voucher program. It is anticipated that additional funds remain available, and that districts will have an opportunity to apply for them in the next round.

For further information about grants, visit the Region IV Web page at <http://ctap4.org> or phone us at (510) 670-4223. We invite you to subscribe to our new grant listserv to receive funding announcements between issues of the *Alert!* We look forward to supporting your success in grant acquisition this year!

GRANTS

Target Field Trip Grants

This grant initiative is designed to fund field trips for students.

Contact—1-800-537-4180,

targetfieldtripsgrants@scholarshipamerica.org

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/targetfieldtrips>

Deadline—November 1, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 public, private or charter schools

Awards—5,000 grants of up to \$800 each

Lego Children's Fund

Supports programs in early childhood education, technology and communication projects, and sports or athletic programs that concentrate on under-served youth. The Fund is interested in seeding new programs serving children age birth to 14.

Contact—legochildrensfund@lego.com

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/legochildrensfund>

Deadline—November 1, 2008

Eligibility—Programs serving children age birth to 14, including schools and nonprofit agencies

Awards—\$500-\$5,000

Verizon Foundation

The Education Program seeks to support programs that improve literacy and educational achievement. View sample grants on the Website.

Contact—Contact your Local Community Relations Manager. An online directory is viewable by zip code.

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/verizonfoundation>

Deadline—November 1, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 schools and nonprofit agencies

Awards—\$5,000-\$10,000

American Honda Foundation

The Foundation makes grants for programs in the fields of youth education and scientific education.

Contact—310-781-4090

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/americanhonda>

Deadline—November 1, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 schools and districts

Awards—\$40,000-\$80,000

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Grant Programs

Provides funds to support classroom teachers to improve classroom practices and increase teachers' mathematical knowledge. A variety of grant programs are offered.

Contact—703-620-9840, ext. 2112, exec@nctm.org

Website—<http://www.nctm.org/met.aspx>

Deadline—November 14, 2008

Eligibility—Varies by program (see Website)

Awards—Varies by program (see Website)

San Francisco Foundation

The Education Program invests in full-service community school approaches that support families and communities to help children and youth succeed in school.

Contact—educationinfo@sff.org, 415-733-8500

Website—<http://www.sff.org>

Deadline—December 1, 2008

Eligibility—Public, private and charter schools serving the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo, and San Francisco

Awards—For a list of the 2007 Education Program grant recipients and award amounts, visit the Education Webpage at their Website.

County Technology Academy Grant Teacher Pair Grant

Sponsored by the Dean and Margaret Leshner Foundation and the Contra Costa COE, this grant program is designed to enhance curriculum and improve student learning through the integration of technology, and to provide technical support to teachers to infuse technology into classrooms and curriculum.

Contact—Amy Geotina, 925-942-3441, ageotina@cccocoe.k12.ca.us

Website—<http://www.cocoschools.org/ctag>

Deadline—December 2, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 teacher pairs serving Contra Costa County

Awards—Teacher Pair grants of \$8,000 each with a \$2,000 match requirement

Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program

While much of this program is intended for higher education to recruit and train future librarians, the program also assists in the professional development of K-12 school librarians and library staff.

Contact—Kevin Cherry, 202-653-4662, kcherry@imls.gov

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/21stcenturylibrarian>

Deadline—December 15, 2008

Eligibility—Public libraries, elementary and secondary school libraries, college and university libraries

Awards—50 grants up to \$50,000 each

Freecycle.org

Freebie Alert! Teachers and others looking for donated materials can join The Freecycle Network™, a nonprofit group that helps you find free stuff for reuse. Check it out at <http://www.freecycle.org>. You might find something you need.

Technical Support Mini-Grants

MOUSE Squad of California (MSCA) enables upper elementary, middle, and high school students to provide a service to their schools, while they learn Information Technology (IT), communication, and leadership skills. It can be an after-school program or an in-school elective. MSCA has an online curriculum, hands-on activities, Student Help Desk, and volunteers.

Contact—Jan Half, jhalf@ca.mousesquad.org, 650-345-6338 or 408-712-5912

Website—<http://www.ca.mousesquad.org>

Deadline—Ongoing for 2008-09 implementation

Eligibility—K-12 public schools in California

Awards—\$1,000 or \$500 for first year of MOUSE Squad Student Tech Program (cost of program is \$2,500 per site) for licensing, training, volunteers, program management.

Napa Valley Community Foundation In School & Out of School Community Impact Fund

The purpose of this fund is to help children and youth (ages 3-24) succeed in school. This year, the Fund has identified the following focus areas: youth leadership, innovative educational models, and after school and preschool programs, as well as on-campus support services.

Contact—Marla Tofle, 707-254-9565

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/NapaValley>

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—Public and private schools and nonprofit agencies serving Napa County

Awards—Grant range not stated, however, an example of a funded project is \$25,000 to pilot an integrated arts curriculum in a low-performing elementary school.

PRODUCT DONATIONS

Sun Academic Excellence Grant Program

This program provides equipment grants and access to free training and certifications. See Website for grant focus areas.

Contact—Use the online form.

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/sunacademic>

Deadline—November 6, 2008

Eligibility—Public and private K-12 schools

Awards—Grants are for hardware donations.

Dell TechKnow

Dell TechKnow is a curriculum program designed to provide in-depth technology literacy and 21st century skills to middle school, high school and college students.

Contact—Use the online form.

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/delltechknow>

Deadline—November 14, 2008

Eligibility—Dell K-12 school districts and higher education customers

Awards—Technology training and hands-on experience troubleshooting and resolving technology problems. After completion of the program, students earn a refurbished, Internet-ready home computer of their own.

PG&E Solar Schools Program

Donation and free installation of a new 1 kilowatt photovoltaic system that converts sunlight into electric power.

Contact—Glen Kizer at glen@learnenergy.org

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/SolarSchools>

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—K-12 public schools within the PG&E service territory

Awards—Up to 40 schools

Dreyer's Foundation Rocky Road Community Bus Program

The Rocky Road Bus is available free of charge for short field trips ranging up to 150 miles in radius; preference is given to youth-oriented groups. The Rocky Road Bus may be reserved up to two months in advance. Get your applications in early for this school year!

Contact—For more information and an application, please call the Dreyer's Rocky Road Community Bus telephone line at 925-847-0747 or 800-445-0444.

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/rockyroadbus>

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—Private and public schools located within a 60-mile radius of Pleasanton, CA

Awards—Free transportation for school field trips

250,000 K-12 Teachers to get FREE Wikis!

Wikispaces is sponsoring a give-away of ad-free, private K-12 Plus wikis for teachers and other education staff valued at \$50 per year. The program is designed to encourage the use of wikis, a Web-based collaborative software, in the classroom to further cooperation between students and teachers, both in their own schools and with schools in other cities and countries. To learn more, go to <http://www.wikispaces.com/site/for/teachers>.

AWARDS/COMPETITIONS/ CONTESTS

Presidential Award for Reading and Technology

The Presidential Award for Reading and Technology honors educators in grades K-12 who are making innovative contributions to the use of technology in reading education.

Contact—exec@reading.org

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/readingandtechnologyaward>

Deadline—November 15, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 public and private educators

Awards—One grand-prize winner and seven regional winners

2009 Seaworld/Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards

This program recognizes the outstanding efforts of students and teachers who are working to protect and preserve the environment.

Contact—877-792-4332

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/seaworldbuschgardens>

Deadline—November 28, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 public, private, home schools

Awards—Eight winning groups will each receive \$10,000, and an all-expenses-paid trip for three students and one adult leader to a SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park for an awards event. One environmental educator/leader will receive \$5,000 and other prizes.

Vernier Software & Technology/NSTA Technology Award

This award promotes the innovative use of data-collection technology using a computer, graphing calculator, or other handheld in the science classroom.

Contact—awards@nsta.org

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/VernierNSTA>

Deadline—November 30, 2008

Eligibility—K-College science teachers

Awards—Seven awards valued at \$3,000 each

Excellence in Teaching Technology

Sponsored by the International Technology Education Association (ITEA), this award recognizes and encourages the integration of a quality technology education program within the school curriculum.

Contact—703-860-2100, itea@iteaconnect.org

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/teachingtechnology>

Deadline—December 1, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 technology teachers who are ITEA members

Awards—\$2,000

C-SPAN's StudentCam 2009

C-SPAN StudentCam invites students to identify a current political topic of interest and produce a short (up to eight minute) video documentary, which creatively explores an issue while integrating C-SPAN programming. This year's topic is a message to the new president: *What is the most urgent issue for the new president to address after taking office, and why?*

Contact—educate@c-span.org, 800-523-7586

Website—<http://www.studentcam.org>

Deadline—January 20, 2009

Eligibility—Middle school students (grades 6-8) and high school students (grades 9-12) may submit entries as individuals or in teams of 3.

Awards—75 student prizes and 11 teacher prizes totaling \$50,000. Teachers of top winners will receive money for digital media equipment for their schools.

Interactive Community News Grant

(Contra Costa County Only)

Sponsored by the Contra Costa COE, this grant program is a project-based activity where students throughout the county collaborate to create a newspaper. Classroom technology equipment and a cash award (total package valued at up to \$2,500) will be awarded to teachers serving Contra Costa County. **Applications available October 6 and due back November 11, 2008.** For more information, go to <http://www.cocoschools.org/ctag> or contact Amy Geotina, 925-942-3441, ageotina@cccoc.k12.ca.us.