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Technology Funding Alert!



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EETT Competitive Grant Application Underway

The California Department of Education (CDE) recently posted the Request for Applications (RFA) for the \$15 million federal Enhancing Education Through Technology Competitive (EETT-C) grant program. Twenty-six school districts and 12 direct-funded charter schools in CTAP Region IV are eligible to apply for funding through this No Child Left Behind federal program.

This portion of the EETT-C program is regionally competitive, with over \$900,000 available for the successful districts in CTAP Region IV. The applicant must have a state approved technology plan and also write a 25-page narrative describing its proposed educational program. Districts must send their completed application to the Education Technology Office of the CDE in Sacramento by the 5 P.M., **April 23, 2008** deadline. The applications will be read and scored in May, with notification and awards sent in late spring.

The primary purpose of this EETT-C program is to improve student academic achievement in grades four through eight through the use of technology. In addition, the program strives to enable students to cross the digital divide and acquire technology skills; to encourage communication and collaboration among home, school, and community; to provide teachers with a professional development program for curricular development; and to assist in the development of an effective educational technology infrastructure.

Schools listed in the successful application will receive an initial one-time implementation grant of \$300 per pupil for the execution of their plans. After the successful completion of the initial grant, the schools may receive a one-time grant of \$45 per pupil in grades four through eight to sustain the use of technology at the sites. A minimum of twenty-five percent of the funds must be used for high-quality professional development.

Funded districts will review their program using multiple measures and make semi-annual reports to the CDE to demonstrate progress at achieving their objectives.

For more information about the EETT-C Round 7 program, please visit the CDE's website at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r5/eettc08rfa.asp>, or contact Micheline LeBlanc at mleblanc@acoe.org, (510) 670-7704.

Contact—Joan.Scott-Ambrosio@ed.gov, 202-205-5630

Web Site—www.ed.gov/programs/communityschools/applicant.html

Deadline—April 15, 2008 (Application); March 17, 2008 (Notice of Intent to Apply is optional)

Eligibility—Consortia consisting of a local educational agency and one or more community-based organization

Awards—8-12 awards ranging: \$75,000-\$500,000

County Technology Academy Grant

Sponsored by Contra Costa COE and Dean and Margaret Leshner Foundation, the goals of this grant program are to enhance curriculum and improve student learning through the integration of technology, and to provide technical and professional development support to teachers to infuse technology into curriculum. *Fifty percent of the grants awarded must go to sites who have never been awarded a CTAG grant before.*

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

Web Site—www.ccoec.k12.ca.us/ctag/

Deadline—April 18, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 public school sites in Contra Costa County

Awards—Professional Development Team grants of \$8,000, with a \$2,000 (in-kind) match required

Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education

Sponsored by CDE, this program provides local educational agencies with funding for the improvement of secondary and postsecondary career and technical education programs.

Contact—rweikle@cde.ca.gov, 916-324-5676

Web Site—www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=1298

Deadline—May 1, 2008

Eligibility—High school districts, charter high schools, county-operated court and community schools, and the California Youth Authority schools are eligible to apply for Section 131 funds.

Awards—Based on allocation formula (see web site)

School Leadership Grant Program

Sponsored by the USDE, this program is designed to assist high-need local educational agencies (LEAs) in the development, enhancement, or expansion of innovative programs to recruit, train, and retain principals and assistant principals.

Contact—SLP@ed.gov, 202-205-5009

Web Site—www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2008-1/030308e.html

Deadline—May 2, 2008 (Application); April 2, 2008 (Intent to Apply)

Eligibility—High-need LEAs, consortia or partnerships that consist of high-need LEAs, and nonprofit organizations, or institutions of higher education. See Federal Register, dated 3/3/08, for definition of high-need LEA.

GRANTS

California Partnership Academies (CPA): Grade 10

Sponsored by the CDE, this program is designed to provide funding for a CPA program in school districts with comprehensive high schools that are currently operating career-focused, non-funded academies that include grade 10 and commit to using the California Partnership Academies model. Academy components include rigorous academics with a career focus, a team of teachers, and active business involvement.

Contact—Karen Shores, 916-319-0478, kshores@cde.ca.gov

Web Site—www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=1287

Deadline—April 11, 2008 (Application); March 21, 2008 (Intent to Submit is optional)

Eligibility—School districts with comprehensive high schools (see above description and web site for additional eligibility criteria)

Awards—50 grants of \$42,000 each

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

Sponsored by the USDA, this program provides financial assistance to encourage and improve telemedicine services and distance learning services in rural areas through the use of telecommunications, computer networks, and related advanced technologies by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents.

Contact—dltinfo@wdc.usda.gov, 202-720-0413

Web Site—www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm

Deadline—April 14, 2008

Eligibility—Public and private K-12 schools located in rural communities

Awards—\$24.7 M is available, with awards ranging: \$50,000-\$500,000 each

Sprint Ahead for Education Grant Program

The Sprint Foundation will award grants to individual schools and school districts to fund the purchase of resource materials, supplies, equipment and software that facilitates and encourages character education among K-12 students.

Contact—education@sprint.com

Web Site—www.sprint.com/citizenship/education/sprintahead/

Deadline—April 15, 2008

Eligibility—Public K-12 schools, charter schools and school districts

Awards—Up to 75 grants: \$500-\$5,000 for schools and \$10,000-\$25,000 for districts

Full-Service Community Schools Program

Offered by the USDE, this program is designed to provide comprehensive educational, developmental, family, health and other services for students through partnerships between public elementary schools and secondary schools, community-based organizations and public or private entities.

Awards—24-30 awards ranging: \$250,000-\$750,000 each

Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth

Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, school-based projects are for students in grades K-12, are directly connected to the school curriculum and instructional program, and ensure the application of national or state arts education standards. Projects also may address professional development for teachers, teaching artists, and school administrators.

Contact—See web site for a list of Art Specialty Area contacts.

Web Site—www.nea.gov/grants/apply/GAP09/LITA.html

Deadline—June 9, 2008

Eligibility—School districts and state and regional education agencies

Awards—Grant awards will range: \$10,000-\$100,000 each. Nonfederal match requirement of at least 1 to 1.

Student Tech Support Mini-Grants

MOUSE Squad of California (MSCA) Student Tech Leadership and Support programs can help provide technical support for schools.

MSCA, a program of Aspiranet, is for upper elementary, middle, and high school students, has an online curriculum, hands-on activities, Student Help Desk, and volunteers.

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

Web Site—www.ca.mousesquad.org

Deadline—Ongoing for 2008-09 implementation

Eligibility—K-12 public schools in California

Awards—\$500 for MOUSE Squad Student Tech Program (cost of program is \$2,500 per site for Year 1, \$2,000 for Renewal) for curriculum licensing, training, materials, program management

PRODUCT DONATIONS

Melody Program

Sponsored by the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, the Melody Program provides musical instruments and instrument repairs to K-12 school music programs that have no other source of financing for musical instruments and materials. Music programs serving low-income communities, programs with little or no budget for musical instruments, and programs that serve the most students out of the school population are considered before all others.

Contact—818-784-6787, info@mhopus.org

Web Site—www.mhopus.org/melody.htm

Deadline—August 1, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 schools must have an established instrumental music program (i.e. concert band, marching band, jazz band and/or orchestra) that is at least three years old.

Awards—Grants typically range: \$500-\$8,000 worth of instruments.

AWARDS/CONTESTS/ TEACHER GRANTS

Doodle 4 Google

The Doodle 4 Google Competition is designed to encourage U.S. school students to use their creativity to create their own interpretation of the Google logo. Along with creating a doodle, students also need to write a title for their doodle and a supporting statement of up to 50 words explaining their "What if . . ." vision.

Win a Wireless Lab Sweepstakes

(<http://cdwg.discoveryeducation.com>)

CDW-G and Discovery Education will provide five winning K-12 schools with a 21st century mobile classroom lab valued at more than \$50,000. Each lab includes 20 laptop or tablet computers, a mobile cart and three wireless access points, a video projector and printer, a document camera, an interactive whiteboard, a personal response system, educational software, and training. In addition to the five grand-prize winners, the companies will award five first prizes, consisting of either an interactive whiteboard or a video projector; 10 second prizes of a notebook computer; and five third prizes of a digital camcorder. **Random drawings will be conducted monthly through May 1, 2008.**

Contact—Check FAQs or post questions through the educators discussion group on the Web site.

Web Site—www.google.com/doodle4google/index.html

Deadline—March 28, 2008 (School Registration); April 12, 2008 (Entries Submitted)

Eligibility—Grades K-12 public school or home school students

Awards—The National Winner will win a \$10,000 college scholarship, a trip to the Googleplex, a laptop computer, and a t-shirt printed with their doodle. The National Winner's doodle will "go live" on the Google homepage for 24 hours. The winner's school will also receive a \$25,000 grant for a computer lab. Each of the other 3 National Finalists will win a trip to the Googleplex, a laptop computer, and a t-shirt printed with their doodle. Each of the other 36 Regional Winners will win a trip to the Googleplex and t-shirt printed with their doodle. Each of the other 360 State Finalists will receive a "Doodle 4 Google" certificate.

AverVision Lesson Plan Contest

Teachers and educators are asked to submit a lesson plan relating to one of six subjects with the use of a document camera as the primary technology or demonstration device. Subject categories include: Mathematics, Science, English/Language Arts, History/Social Studies, Art/Music, and Other.

Contact—lessonplancontest.ppdusa@avermedia.com

Web Site—www.aver.com/presentation/promotion_lesson_plan.asp

Deadline—April 18, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 public, charter, private and home school educators

Awards—Six grand prizes packages of \$1,000 to be used to implement classroom technology and a new AverVision CP300 document camera

Empowered Education Video Awards

Sponsored by eSchool News Network, this program is designed to honor student produced news videos. To qualify, students make a 3-5 minute original video on the theme of "How Technology Helps Me Learn."

Contact—gdowney@eschoolnews.com

Web Site—www.eschoolnews.com/empowered/

Deadline—April 30, 2008

Eligibility—Elementary school, junior/middle school, high school, junior college/senior college students and their educator-sponsor

Awards—12 finalists (three from each education level) and four top winners will receive prizes and an expenses-paid trip to a gala awards celebration in Washington, D.C.

ING Unsung Heroes Awards Program

The Unsung Heroes program helps those who have a creative, unique educational program that is helping students reach new heights, or helps fund projects that educators would like to implement.

Contact—507-931-1682 or 800-537-4180, ing@scholarshipamerica.org

Web Site—www.ing-usa.com/us/unsungheroes

Deadline—April 30, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 public and private full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff with effective projects that improve student learning

Awards—100 awards of \$2,000 each. Of the 100 finalists, three will be selected for additional financial awards: first place will receive \$25,000, second place will receive \$10,000, and the third-place winner will receive \$5,000.

Project Ignition

Sponsored by State Farm Insurance and National Youth Leadership Council, this program provides funding for innovative public awareness, service-learning projects based on teen driver safety. Students must take the lead creating this project, with support from a teacher/advisor and school/organization. Projects may use TV, film, radio, the Internet, events/festivals, performance art, and much more.

Contact—info@sfprojectignition.com, 888-856-7026

Web Site—www.sfprojectignition.com/rules_regulations.html

Deadline—May 16, 2008

Eligibility—Students in grades 9-12 enrolled in public schools, public charter schools and public alternative schools and teacher/advisors

Awards—25 awards of \$2,000 each. Ten finalists will be chosen each of which will receive an award of up to \$5,000 for travel to the National Service-Learning Conference in Nashville, TN in March 2009. A single Best of the Best award of \$10,000 will be awarded at the conference.

"Living in a Material World" Grants

Sponsored by ASM International Foundation, the purpose of this grant program is to enhance awareness of materials science and the role of materials scientists in society.

Contact—jdeather@asminternational.org

Web Site—www.asminternational.org/content/Foundation/LivingintheMaterialWorld/Living_Material_World.htm

Deadline—May 25, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 teachers

Awards—10 grants of \$500 each

Save Our History Grant Program

(<http://www.history.com/minisites/saveourhistory/>)

The History Channel awards grants of up to \$10,000 to organizations that partner with schools or youth groups on community preservation projects that engage students in learning about, documenting and preserving the history of their communities. **Applications are due June 6th, 2008.** Please direct questions to info@saveourhistory.com.