



Technology Funding Alert!

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Local Teachers Win \$50,000 in Technology Grants!

We are pleased to announce that 20 teachers in Region IV have each been awarded \$2,000 from the 2008 Best Buy Teach Grant program (www.BestBuy.com/teach), which is designed to reward schools using interactive technology. The grant awards are in the form of a Best Buy Gift Card.

What's more, through a competitive application process, an additional 50 schools nationwide were recognized with awards of \$10,000 each and earned the opportunity for their school district to compete for one of eight awards of \$100,000 each, which will be announced in May. Congratulations to the \$10,000 winner in Region IV: Patricia Riley, Alameda County, New Haven USD, Cesar Chavez Middle School. Added together, that means a total of \$50,000 in grants was awarded to our region!

This round of grant awards demonstrates that all teachers can apply for grants, and that many can receive funding if they take the initiative to do so. We were pleased to hear that many of these teachers learned about this grant program from the *Technology Funding Alert!* Congratulations to these teachers. We applaud your efforts. A complete list of funded schools appears below.

We look forward to hearing from others of you who receive a grant from a source listed in the *Technology Funding Alert!* Please let us know of your success.

Teacher Name	County	School	Amount
Lauren Mishork	Alameda	Marin Elementary School	\$2,000
Kathy Rosselle	Alameda	Wells Middle School	\$2,000
Annie Green	Alameda	Wilmont Sweeney Education Center	\$2,000
Patricia Riley	Alameda	Cesar Chavez Middle School	\$10,000
Dean Whitbeck	Alameda	St. Elizabeth High School	\$2,000
Jeff Adkins	Contra Costa	Deer Valley High School	\$2,000
Patrick Rockenbaugh	Contra Costa	J. Douglas Adams Middle School	\$2,000
Nancy Kaplan	Contra Costa	Los Cerros Middle School	\$2,000
Heller Stanton	Contra Costa	Acalanes High School	\$2,000
Fredda Kaplan	Marin	Brandeis Hillel Day School	\$2,000
Mike Schulist	Marin	Miller Creek Middle School	\$2,000
Jolene Yee	Marin	Marin Academic Center	\$2,000
Jeff Brain	Marin	Del Mar Middle School	\$2,000
Laura Christian	Napa	Northwood Elementary School	\$2,000
Andi Wong	San Francisco	Rooftop Alternative K-8 School	\$2,000
Douglas Singer/David Knight	San Francisco	Burton Academic High School	\$2,000
Karen Claxton	San Francisco	Junipero Serra Elementary School	\$2,000
Suzanne Vradlis	San Francisco	Wes Portal Elementary School	\$2,000
Amira Aweti	San Francisco	Aptos Middle School	\$2,000
Glen Lee	San Mateo	The Nueva School	\$2,000
Kathy Brown	Solano	Will C. Wood High School	\$2,000

students in critical thinking, inquiry, and self-directed learning. Grant writing tips are available on the Website.

Contact—202-822-7840

Website—www.nea.org/grants/neafndtn.html

Deadline—June 1, 2008, October 15, 2008

Eligibility—Public PreK-12 teachers, education support professionals, higher education faculty

Awards—75 grants of \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups (LLG); 75 grants of \$5,000 (SAG)

Gifted and Talented Education

Sponsored by the CDE, this program supports unique opportunities for high-achieving and underachieving students in public elementary and secondary schools in California who are identified as gifted and talented.

Contact—Sandra Frank, 916-323-5505, sfrank@cde.ca.gov

Website—www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=1276

Deadline—June 15, 2008

Eligibility—Public K-12 school districts and county offices of education

Awards—See allocation formula on Website.

Captain Planet Foundation

The Captain Planet Foundation provides funds for projects that promote an understanding of environmental issues.

Contact—tarynm@captainplanetfdn.org

Website—www.captainplanetfdn.org/grants.html

Deadline—June 30, 2008, September 30, 2008

Eligibility—Public, private and charter schools

Awards—\$250-\$2,500

Motorola Lincoln Grants

Sponsored by the Motorola Foundation in partnership with the Chicago History Museum, this program is designed to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth with a focus on three themes: bringing history into the future (using new technologies to educate students), engaging in current events, and leadership skills.

Contact—Use the "Contact Us" interface on the Website

Website—www.motorola.com/content.jsp?globalObjectId=8772

Deadline—July 30, 2008

GRANTS

Special Education Teacher Professional Development Program

Sponsored by the CDE, this three-year grant is designed to train special education teachers in the use of State Board of Education adopted reading/language arts instructional programs to teach reading to special education students in grades K-12.

Contact—croberts@cde.ca.gov, 916-323-4630

Website—www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=1335

Deadline—May 23, 2008

Eligibility—See Appendix L in the RFA for a list of eligible LEAs.

Awards—\$6,500-\$8,000 per teacher. See allocation formula on the Website.

Target Local Store Grants

Target offers program support in the following three areas: arts, early childhood reading and family violence prevention. Apply online.

Contact—Community.Relations@target.com

Website—<http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-001818>

Deadline—May 31, 2008

Eligibility—Schools, libraries and nonprofit agencies in Target store communities

Awards—\$1,000-\$3,000

Learning & Leadership Grants (LLG) Student Achievement Grants (SAG)

Sponsored by the NEA Foundation, the LLG program supports high-quality professional development experiences. The SAG program promotes classroom innovation, and engages

Adobe Launches Free Web Version of Photoshop

Adobe Systems is offering a free web-based version of Photoshop, photo editing software, called Photoshop Express. Photoshop Express allows users to store up to 2 gigabytes of images online for FREE, make edits to their photos, and share them online in creative ways, including downloading and uploading photos from popular social networking sites like Facebook. To sign-up, go to <https://www.photoshop.com/express/landing.html>.

Eligibility—Public and private schools and school districts, universities, museums, and nonprofit organizations

Awards—A total of \$750,000 will be awarded. Applicants may request up to \$25,000.

American Honda Foundation

Grants are provided in the fields of youth education and science education.

Contact—After beginning an online application, direct questions to “Need Support?” located at the bottom of each page.

Website—<http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

Deadline—August 1, 2008, November 1, 2008

Eligibility—Public and private schools and school districts, colleges and universities, and scientific and education-related nonprofit agencies

Awards—\$40,000-\$80,000

Toshiba America Foundation

Grants for Grades 7-12

Grants are made for programs and activities that improve teaching and learning in science and mathematics, grades 7-12, with a focus on inquiry-based projects designed by individual teachers, and small teams of teachers, for use in their own classrooms.

Contact—foundation@tai.toshiba.com, 212-596-0620

Website—www.toshiba.com/tafpub/jsp/home/default.jsp

Deadline—August 1, 2008 for grants more than \$5,000; Ongoing for grants less than \$5,000

Eligibility—Grades 7-12 public and private schools

Awards—Small grants of \$5,000 or less and large grants of \$5,000 or more

Access to Artistic Excellence

Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, this category supports projects that provide short-term arts exposure or arts appreciation for children and youth as well as intergenerational education projects. Projects may take place in school, after school, during the summer, or in a community setting.

Contact—See Website for a listing of art discipline contacts.

Website—www.nea.gov/grants/apply/Artsed.html

Deadline—August 11, 2008

Eligibility—School districts, arts organizations, local arts agencies

Awards—\$10,000-\$100,000

GTECH After School Advantage Computer Lab Program

This program provides non-profit community agencies and public schools with state-of-the-art computer labs. These computer centers are designed to provide inner-city children, aged 5-15, with a meaningful learning experience during 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. To learn more, go to: http://www.gtech.com/about_gtech/proposal_guidelines.asp.

Outdoor Classroom Grant Program

Provides schools with resources to improve their science curriculum by engaging students in hands-on experiences outside the traditional classroom. At least 100 schools will receive grants they can use to build a new outdoor classroom or to enhance a current outdoor classroom.

Contact—info@toolboxforeducation.com

Website—www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=pg&p=AboutLowes/outdoor/index.html

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—Public K-12 schools

Awards—\$500-\$2,000

Teaching Tolerance Grant Program

Teaching Tolerance offers grants for projects designed to reduce prejudice among youth, improve intergroup relations in schools and/or support educator professional development in these areas.

Contact—Please direct questions via the “Contact Us” interface on the Website.

Website—www.tolerance.org/teach/grants/guide.jsp

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—PreK-12 classroom teachers

Awards—\$500-\$2,500

PRODUCT DONATIONS

Curriculum Associates Partners for Growth Grants Program

Matching funds are available for educators with innovative ideas for implementing Curriculum Associates materials.

Contact—grants@CAinc.com, 1-800-225-0248, Ext. 545

Website—www.curriculumassociates.com/educator-resources/grants/default.asp?Type=SCH&CustId=3605512319807171549223

Deadline—June 15, 2008

Eligibility—Public K-12 schools

Awards—100 \$300 matching grants of Curriculum Associates materials will be awarded in each cycle.

Microsoft's Fresh Start for Donated Computers Program

This program gives primary and secondary schools the ability to put the computers they receive as donations to use quickly and easily. Through a simple online application process, school districts can receive the Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional licensing documentation and installation CDs.

Contact—frshstrt@microsoft.com

Website—www.microsoft.com/education/fsinfo.mspx

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—Public and private K-12 schools

Awards—Free copies of Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional licensing documentation and installation CDs

AWARDS/TEACHER GRANTS

NSTA New Science Teacher Academy

This professional development initiative is designed to help promote quality science teaching, enhance teacher confidence and classroom excellence, and improve teacher content knowledge.

Contact—NSTAcademy@nsta.org or 703-312-9226

Website—www.nsta.org/academy/

Deadline—May 23, 2008

Eligibility—Teachers who are entering their second or third year of teaching and working a schedule with 51% or more of their classes in middle or high school science

Awards—Online mentoring, web-based professional development activities, financial support to attend NSTA's 2009 National Conference on Science Education in New Orleans.

The American Immigration Law Foundation's Teacher Grant Program

This program is designed to providing funding for K-12 grade level projects that provide education about immigrants and immigration. The foundation is seeking innovative ideas involving creative uses of technology, underrepresented minorities, community outreach, and math and science.

Contact—info@ailf.org, 202-742-5600

Website—www.ailf.org/teach/grants.shtml

Deadline—June 1, 2008, November 28, 2008

Eligibility—Public or private K-12 teachers

Awards—\$100-\$500

Upcoming Summer/Fall Grants

Dell TechKnow 2.0 Program

http://www.dell.com/content/topics/global.aspx/sitelets/solutions/industry_application/pub_solutions/programs/dell_techknow?c=us&cs=RC1084719&l=en&s=k12

Check Website on June 15th for Fall 2008 semester.

Kids in Need Teacher Grants

<http://www.kidsinneed.net/grants/guidelines.php>

Check Website on July 15, 2008.

Best Buy Teach Grant Program

www.BestBuy.com/teach

Check Website in July 2008.

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant

www.toolboxforeducation.com/

Check Website in July 2008.

Target Field Trip Grants

<http://sites.target.com/site/en/corporate/page.jsp?contentId=PRD03-002537>

Check Website in August 2008.

Libri Foundation Books for Rural Schools

www.librifoundation.org/apps.html

Deadline—August 15, 2008

Technology Grants for Rural Schools

www.fred.org/tech.html

Deadline—September 13, 2008

Ezra Jack Keats Mini-Grant Program for Public Schools

www.ezra-jack-keats.org/programs/minigrant.html

Deadline—September 15, 2008

Vernier Technology Awards

www.vernier.com/grants/nsta.html

Deadline—October 15, 2008

GreenWorks! Grants

http://www.plt.org/cms/pages/21_22_21.html

Deadline—October 31, 2008