



Technology Funding Alert!

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From the Director . . .

In today's Internet accessible world, there are so many web-based resources available that it's often difficult to find the ones that will provide the most assistance. In this issue, I'd like to point you to some grant resources that can help you locate funding for education technology. The first one is located right here at CTAP—the CTAP Region IV grants information page <<http://www.ctap4.org/grants/>>. Our *Grants Resources* page contains information and links to EETT and state grants information, as well as to our favorite additional grants resources. Also on the CTAP website is a page focused on *Technology Planning*, <<http://www.ctap4.org/grants/planning.htm>>. Since having a state-approved technology plan is an essential condition to receive California education technology funds, this resource is key to your grant development success. Our website also has a page focused on the *Education Technology K-12 Voucher Program*, with information and links to the California Department of Education resources and the Settlement Claims Administration site. We also maintain a *K-12 Voucher listserv*, that you can join from the voucher page on our website, <<http://www.ctap4.org/grants/k-12/index.htm>> and a general listserv, to which we post grant information between issues of the *Technology Funding Alert!* Join by signing up at the top of the page at <<http://www.ctap4.org>>.

Another good place to seek grant information is the state-funded TICAL website, <<http://www.portical.org>>. From the TICAL home page, select *Resource Database* from the menu tabs at the top. Using "grants" as a search term will pull up an extensive list of grant resource information, from the top 10 tips for proposal writers to listings of funding opportunities. In addition, an excellent free resource for educators is the Grant Wrangler Website <<http://www.grantwrangler.com>>. This site, founded by Karen Greenwood Henke, former project director of NetDay, lists grant opportunities and information about grant writers.

Lastly, we provide information about many grant opportunities below, and we hope one of them will be a source of new funding to support technology in your schools.

Bonnie Marks

GRANTS

AIAA Foundation Classroom Grant/LEGO Grant Program

This is a competitive grant program to educate students about math, science, technology, and engineering.

Contact—Lisa Bacon, lisab@aiaa.org, 703-264-7527

Web Site—www.aiaa.org/content.cfm?pageid=216

Deadline—November 30, 2007; January 31, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 classroom teachers (Must be AIAA member. Membership is free.)

Awards—Up to \$200 for the Classroom Grant Program; up to \$100 per team for participation in robotics competitions

County Technology Academy Grant—Teacher Pair Grant

The goals of this grant program are 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@cccoe.k12.ca.us,

Web Site—www.ccoec.k12.ca.us/ctag/

Deadline—November 30, 2007

Eligibility—K-12 teacher pairs in Contra Costa County

Awards—Teacher Pair grants of \$8,000 each, with a \$2,000 (in-kind) match requirement.

Gang Resistance Education and Training Program

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, the primary objective of this program is prevention and is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence and gang membership.

Contact—866-859-2687

Web Site—www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=15683&flag2006=true&mode=view

Deadline—December 13, 2007

Eligibility—State, local and tribal law enforcement agencies in partnership with local education agencies

Awards—Up to \$150,000 for a 12-month project period

Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program

Supports efforts to recruit and educate the next generation of librarians and the faculty who will prepare them for careers in library science. It also supports grants for research related to library education and library staffing needs, curriculum development, and continuing education and training.

Contact—Stephanie Clark, 202-653-4662, sclark@imls.gov

Web Site—www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/21centuryLibrarian.shtm

Deadline—December 17, 2007

Eligibility—Public libraries, elementary and

secondary school libraries, college and university libraries, research libraries and private libraries
Awards—\$50,000-\$1,000,000

Information Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST)

Sponsored by the National Science Foundation, ITEST is designed to increase opportunities for students and teachers to learn about, experience, and use information technologies within the context of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, including information technology courses.

Contact—Sylvia James, 703-292-5333, sjames@nsf.gov

Web Site—www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07514

Deadline—January 4, 2008 (Preliminary Proposal); May 8, 2008 (Full Proposal)

Eligibility—K-12 educators

Awards—14-17 grants from \$20M

Secondary and Two-Year Postsecondary Agriculture Education Challenge Grants Program

This program is designed to promote and strengthen agriscience and agribusiness education.

Contact—Gregory Smith, 202-720-2067, gsmith@csrees.usda.gov,

Web Site—www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/sec_challenge.html

Deadline—January 11, 2008

Eligibility—Public secondary schools or public or private nonprofit junior and community colleges

Awards—Grants range from \$30,000-\$50,000.

Champions for Healthy Kids

Sponsored by the General Mills Foundation, this grant is designed to support programs that develop creative ways to help youth adopt a balanced diet and physically active lifestyle. Please see web site for grant planning guidance.

Contact—Beth Labrador, 1-800-877-1600, ext. 4821, blabrador@eatright.org

Web Site—www.generalmills.com/corporate/commitment/champions.aspx

Deadline—January 15, 2008

Eligibility—Local education agencies and youth-focused nonprofit agencies

Awards—50 grants of \$10,000 each

Toyota Tapestry Grants for Science Teachers

Toyota and the National Science Teachers Association offers grants to K-12 science teachers for innovative projects that enhance science education in the school and/or school district.

Contact—1-800-807-9852, tapestry@nsta.org

Web Site—www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry

Deadline—January 28, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 science teachers

Awards—50 large grants of up to \$10,000 each and 20-32 mini-grants of up to \$2,500 each

EDS Technology Grant Program

This program helps teachers and school librarians purchase information technology products and services that will improve their students' ability to learn.

Contact—Vickie Hatos, 415-995-8852, vickie.hatos@eds.com,

Web Site—<http://eds.com/about/community/grants>

Deadline—January 31, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 public, private or charter school full-time librarians or teachers teaching at a school located within 50 miles of San Francisco.

Awards—\$1,500

Toshiba America Foundation

Grades 7-12 Grant Program

Supports projects designed by classroom teachers to improve science and mathematics education for students in grades 7-12.

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

Web Site—<http://www.toshiba.com/tafpub/jsp/about/HowApply.jsp>

Deadline—February 1, 2008 (for grants larger than \$5,000); Ongoing (for grants of \$5,000 or less)

Eligibility—Grades 7-12 public school classroom teachers

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

NEA Foundation Grant Programs

Learning & Leadership Grants (LLG) provide opportunities for educators to engage in high-quality professional development and lead their colleagues in professional growth.

Student Achievement Grants (SAG) are designed to improve the academic achievement of students by engaging in critical thinking and problem solving that deepen knowledge of standards-based subject matter.

Contact—info-neafoundation@list.nea.org

Web Site—www.neafoundation.org/grants.htm

Deadline—February 1, 2008

Eligibility—Teachers, education support professionals, higher education faculty

Awards—LLG: \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups; SAG: \$5,000

Mockingbird Foundation

The Foundation offers competitive grants to schools and nonprofit organizations that effect improvements in music education for children.

Contact—Kristen Godard at grants@mbird.org.

Web Site—www.mockingbirdfoundation.org

Deadline—February 1, 2008 (Online Letter of Inquiry)

Eligibility—Public K-12 schools (school-based grants must take place at the school)

Awards—Grants range from \$50-\$5,000 each

2008 K-12 HP Technology for Teaching

The K-12 HP Technology for Teaching grant initiative is designed to support innovative and effective uses of technology in the classroom setting.

Contact—Submit questions through an online form.

Web Site—www.hp.com/hpinfo/grants/us/programs/tech_teaching/k12_main.html

Deadline—February 14, 2008

Eligibility—Public schools that are using a collaborative, team-based approach to implementing technology integration projects

Awards—110 awards of technology equipment, professional development and support valued at \$40,000 each

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants

Lowe's provides funds designed to support educational programs in public schools. The most successful programs are homegrown, reflecting the schools and communities unique needs and interests. Once 1,500 applications are received, the application process will close.

Contact—800-644-3561, ext. 208, info@toolboxforeducation.com

Web Site—www.toolboxforeducation.com

Deadline—February 15, 2008

Eligibility—Public K-12 schools and parent groups

Awards—Up to \$5,000

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

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

Deadline—December 15, 2007; March 15, 2008

Eligibility—Public K-12 schools

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

AWARDS/CONTESTS

The Lexus Environmental Challenge

Sponsored by Scholastic, Inc., this program invites middle and high school students to participate in four initial environmental challenges about land, water, air, and climate. There will be a final challenge, the world, in which potential first prize and grand prize winners will compete. Teams are encouraged to provide visual documentation in a variety of media including digital photos, digital videos, Web pages, and PowerPoint presentations.

Contact—environmentalchallenge@scholastic.com

Web Site—<http://www.scholastic.com/lexus/>

Deadline—Air Challenge: December 5, 2007;

Climate Challenge: January 7, 2008 (Land and Water Challenge deadlines have passed.)

Eligibility—Middle and high school student teams and one teacher-advisor

Awards—16 teams from each challenge category (8 middle school/8 high school) will each receive a \$3,000 prize and will be invited to participate in the World challenge. Fourteen First Place winning teams (7 middle school/7 high school) will each receive \$50,000. Two Grand Prize winning teams (1 middle school/1 high school) will each receive \$75,000.

Be the Change! Share the Story!

School Video Contest

This contest invites student teams to choose and execute a social or environmental project and document their progress by submitting two short videos that will be uploaded on Quantum Shift TV between September 2007 and March 2008.

Contact—Please post questions on the web site.

Web Site—www.quantumshift.tv/schools/

Deadline—December 15, 2007 (Round 1);

March 31, 2008 (Round 2)

Eligibility—K-12 public or private school teams

Awards—Winning schools will receive a prize package worth \$50,000, with \$10,000 for second place and \$5,000 for third place.

2007 Cyber Bullying Awareness and Prevention PSA Contest

Sony Creative Software, National Crime Prevention Council, and Ad Council present this contest designed to help end cyber bullying. Applicants are invited to create and submit a 30-second public service announcement (PSA) on the issue.

Contact—800-577-6642, Customer Service

Web Site—www.sonycreativesoftware.com/cyber

Deadline—January 11, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 school groups and independent producers

Awards—Top submissions may be eligible for national broadcast, and their sponsoring academic institution or producer will receive a multimedia editing suite for their school or facility valued at \$18,000–\$25,000.

2008 Got 2B Safe! Contest

Sponsored by Honeywell and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the Got 2B Safe! Awards Program is designed to recognize teachers for their commitment to child safety and who incorporate the "Four Rules Of Safety" into their classroom.

Contact—Use the "Contact Us" online form.

Web Site—www.got2bsafe.com

Deadline—January 15, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 public or private school teachers

Awards—5 grand prize winning teachers will receive a classroom makeover valued at \$10,000 each and 100 First Prize winners will each receive \$500 gift certificates for school supplies

Cable's Leaders in Learning Awards

Applications are now being accepted online for individuals who are using new ideas to educate and new technology to better prepare young students for the future.

Contact—202-222-2335 or post questions on the web site

Web Site—www.leadersinlearningawards.org

Deadline—January 16, 2008

Eligibility—K-12 educators, administrators and community leaders

Awards—Winners in 5 categories each receive \$3,000 cash awards and a trip to Washington, DC, for a gala awards ceremony.

Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Awards

ExploraVision encourages K-12 students of all interest, skill and ability levels to create and explore a vision of a future technology by combining their imaginations with the tools of science.

Contact—800-EXPLOR9. or post questions on the web site

Web Site—www.exploravision.org/

Deadline—January 29, 2008

Eligibility—Public, private or home school students or teams of up to 4 students in grades K-12 and their teacher coach.

Awards—First- and second-place prizes of U.S. Savings Bonds for each student, ranging from \$5,000-\$10,000; 24 team regional prizes of notebook computers for each school and a gift for each student, teacher and mentor; honorable mention recognition; and all applicants will receive a certificate of participation and a small gift.