



# Technology Funding Alert!

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## Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Competitive Grants

This spring, the California Department of Education (CDE) will distribute approximately \$40 million in federal EETT grants through a competitive program, enacted through state legislation (SB192) signed by Governor Davis last fall.

Eligible districts will compete regionally, within each of the established eleven CTAP regions. As described in SB192, "the amount of funding for grants available to each region shall be determined based upon the proportionate enrollment of pupils in Grades 4 to 8, in eligible schools from that region." The application process will include the submission of the district technology plan and an additional application narrative to the CDE. The technology plan must pass state-level review for compliance with federal technology plan regulations. These regulations include all items in the California technology planning guide, plus two additional items: adult literacy and research-based curricula and teaching strategies that effectively integrate technology. The additional narrative must meet criteria based on the requirements in the EETT competitive grant Request for Application (RFA). A list of eligible schools will be posted on the CDE Web site this month, and the RFA will be available for download. Visit the site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/edtech/eett>.

The priority of awarding funds is as follows: 1) first priority to middle and junior high schools; 2) second priority to elementary schools; and 3) third priority to schools serving pupils in grades 4 to 8. Schools listed in the successful districts' application will receive an initial one-time implementation grant of \$300 per pupil in grades 4 to 8 for the execution of their plans. After the successful completion of the initial grant, the schools will receive a one-time grant of \$45 per pupil in grades 4 to 8, 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 for teachers, principals, and administrators in the use of technology aligned with state academic content standards.

The goals for Enhancing Education Through Technology are to improve student academic achievement through technology, to help every student become technologically literate by the end of eighth grade, and to encourage the effective integration of technology into classroom instruction. There is a strong focus on students reaching state standards. There will be a rigorous evaluation process and schools must make adequate yearly progress towards achieving their objectives.

*This article was prepared by Micheline LeBlanc, CTAP Region IV Coordinator.*

**Deadline**—January 6, 2003–March 31, 2003 (Applications will be accepted on the Web site beginning January 6, 2003.)

**Eligibility**—K-12 public, private or charter schools where a minimum of 50% of students qualify for the National School Lunch Program and with the staff dedicated to promoting technology-based education solutions. Grants to community-based organizations and individuals are also available.

**Awards**—\$5.7M is targeted for the state of California for 2003, with an expected 29-95 grants, ranging from \$60,000-\$200,000 each, in state-of-the-art Toshiba branded computers and other hardware.

### Humanities Focus Grants

Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the purpose of this grant program is to allow educators to consider significant humanities topics or to map institutional directions for teaching the humanities. Projects may develop and apply technologies in order to provide excellent humanities teaching.

**Contact**—Questions can be answered by the staff of NEH's Division of Education Programs at 202-606-8500 and via e-mail at [education@neh.gov](mailto:education@neh.gov)

**Web Site**—[www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/hfg.html](http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/hfg.html)

**Deadline**—April 15, 2003

**Eligibility**—Educational institutions dedicated to improving humanities education

**Awards**—Grants range from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and may span an academic year or year and a half. Funds may be used to pay for guest scholars and visiting consultants, for observation of model programs, for books and other materials, for logistical support, and especially for released time so that participants have time to read, think, write, and deliberate.

### Philanthropic Ventures Fund

Education initiatives offered by the Philanthropic Ventures Fund include Librarian Resource Grants, Science Teacher Resource Grants, and Arts Resource Grants. Applications may be faxed and will be responded to quickly.

**Contact**—Please direct questions to 510-645-1890, 510-645-1892 (fax), [info@venturesfoundation.org](mailto:info@venturesfoundation.org)

**Web Site**—[www.venturesfoundation.org/](http://www.venturesfoundation.org/)

**Deadline**—None

**Eligibility**—Public K-12 schools located in the San Francisco Bay Area

## GRANTS

### Stuart Foundation

In the area of education, the foundation is interested in funding programs that strengthen the public school system through teacher development, high quality information dissemination, systemic school and district improvement, and other exemplary initiatives to improve the public school education system.

**Contact**—Please direct questions to 415-393-1551 or fill out an online request for an e-mail response.

**Web Site**—[www.stuartfoundation.org/index.html](http://www.stuartfoundation.org/index.html)

**Deadline**—March 1, 2003, June 1, 2003

**Eligibility**—Public K-12 schools

**Awards**—Approximately 120 grants are

awarded each year, ranging from \$5,000-\$500,000 each.

### Beaumont Foundation of America

The Beaumont Foundation will provide technology equipment grants to underserved schools and communities with the goal of bridging the digital divide, enhancing teaching and learning through the maximum use of technology, improving student academic achievement by integrating technology into classroom instruction and supporting curriculum alignment, encouraging online and on-site professional development, and establishment of partnerships designed to increase access to technology.

**Contact**—Questions may be directed to 617-282-9798, 866-505-2667, or [info@bmtfoundation.com](mailto:info@bmtfoundation.com).

**Web Site**—[www.bmtfoundation.com/grants](http://www.bmtfoundation.com/grants)

## Apple Extends Free MacOSX Offer Through March 31, 2003

Apple has extended the free MacOSX for teachers program through this quarter. If you're interested in getting your free copy, visit the web page at [www.apple.com/education/macosexforteachers](http://www.apple.com/education/macosexforteachers).

**Awards**—Grants range from \$500 to \$1,000

### Lucent Technologies Foundation

The foundation primarily supports programs that provide comprehensive education reform for urban schools and innovative models for pre-K-12 public school improvement. Projects involving creative uses of technology will be considered. While Lucent Technologies Foundation grants are considered on an invitation only basis, schools with an idea for a project matching the guidelines may send a 1-2 page letter of inquiry requesting an invitation to apply.

**Contact**—Please direct questions to 908-582-7906, [foundation@lucent.com](mailto:foundation@lucent.com)

**Web Site**—[www.lucent.com/news/foundation/home.html](http://www.lucent.com/news/foundation/home.html)

**Deadline**—None

**Eligibility**—Pre-K-12 public schools and districts

**Awards**—Awards information unavailable

### Seagate Technology Corporate Giving Program

Seagate focuses its giving on K-12 science and technology education and looks for innovative programs that enhance creativity, encourage hands-on learning and reach all populations, specifically low-income and minority communities where fewer opportunities exist.

**Contact**—Please direct questions to Elena Sexton, Corporate Giving, 920 Disc Dr., Scotts Valley, CA 95066, 831-438-6550, [elena.sexton@seagate.com](mailto:elena.sexton@seagate.com).

**Web Site**—[www.seagate.com/newsinfo/community/contribute/](http://www.seagate.com/newsinfo/community/contribute/)

**Deadline**—None

**Eligibility**—Public or private schools that operate within 50 miles of Silicon Valley, CA

**Awards**—Sponsorships of community and education events; donations of cash, excess furniture, computer and office equipment; in-kind donations of disc drives, tape drives and software; and encouragement of employee volunteerism

## PRODUCT DONATIONS

### Digi-Block Grant Program

The Digi-Block® Grant offers teachers and teacher groups the opportunity to apply for materials and training valued up to \$5,000. These may include curriculum development and implementation projects, staff development and training, after-school programs

or co-curricular activities, and innovative assessment techniques using the Digi-Block Learning System.

**Contact**—For more information, 1-888-834-4466, [grants@digi-block.com](mailto:grants@digi-block.com)

**Web Site**—[www.digi-block.com/educators/grant/index.cfm](http://www.digi-block.com/educators/grant/index.cfm)

**Deadline**—April 7, 2003

**Eligibility**—K-4 teachers and teacher groups

**Awards**—Digi-Block materials and training valued up to \$5,000

### Hewlett-Packard (HP) Employee Product Gift Matching Program

The Product Gift Matching Program is an HP employee initiated program. Through this program, HP encourages its employees to support U.S. educational institutions with product donations. HP and the employee share the cost of the donation, with the employee contributing half of the published price and the company contributing the other half up to \$20,000 (employee and HP match combined). Groups of employees may pool their resources to give larger gifts.

**Contact**—Please direct questions to [philanthropy\\_ed@hp.com](mailto:philanthropy_ed@hp.com).

**Web Site**—[grants.hp.com/us/gift\\_program.html](http://grants.hp.com/us/gift_program.html)

**Deadline**—None

**Eligibility**—Public K-12 schools

**Awards**—HP products are donated at no cost after an employee or group has paid 50% of the cost.

## AWARDS/COMPETITIONS

### Doors to Diplomacy International Competition

The U. S. State Department is sponsoring the "Doors to Diplomacy" educational challenge to encourage middle school and high school students around the world to produce web projects that teach others about the importance of international affairs and diplomacy.

**Contact**—Please review FAQ's at the Web site before e-mailing questions to [helper@globalschoolnet.org](mailto:helper@globalschoolnet.org).

**Web Site**—[globalschoolhouse.org/doors](http://globalschoolhouse.org/doors)

**Deadline**—March 14, 2003 (registration deadline), March 21, 2003 (deadline for building web pages and conducting research)

**Eligibility**—Teams of middle and high school students who are between the ages of 12 and 19. Teams must have between two and five student members, and one or two adult coaches.

**Awards**—Each student team member of the winning team will receive a \$2,000 scholarship, and the winning coaches' schools will each receive a \$500 cash award. The State Department will also sponsor a trip to Washington, DC where the winners will receive a private tour of the State Department facilities, meet with key officials, and participate in a special award presentation ceremony.

### Excellence in Teaching Cabinet Grant Program

Sponsored by Curriculum Associates, this grant program is designed to honor teachers who exhibit excellence in K-8 teaching practices, including technology and print projects.

**Contact**—Please direct questions to 800-225-0248 or fill out an online request for an e-mail response.

**Web Site**—[www.curriculumassociates.com](http://www.curriculumassociates.com) (Click on the link to "\$1,000 Grants.")

**Deadline**—March 15, 2003

**Eligibility**—Public or private K-8 teachers

**Awards**—Three educators will be invited to participate in Curriculum Associate's Excellence in Teaching Cabinet and will receive a grant of \$1,000 plus a \$500 gift certificate for Curriculum Associates materials.

### Alan Shepard Technology in Education Award

Sponsored by the National Association of Educational Technology Specialists (NAETS), the Alan Shepard Technology in Education Award recognizes outstanding contributions made by technology personnel or classroom teachers to technology education. The purpose of this award is to acknowledge the individual's direct contribution and exceptional accomplishment in technology use.

**Contact**—Please direct questions to NAETS, Mail Code AMF, Kennedy Space Center, FL 32899, 321-452-2887 ext. 5200, or [NAETS@amfcse.org](mailto:NAETS@amfcse.org).

**Web Site**—[www.naets.org/Alan\\_Shepard\\_Award.htm](http://www.naets.org/Alan_Shepard_Award.htm)

**Deadline**—March 31, 2003

**Eligibility**—K-12 school and district level personnel who have demonstrated exemplary use of technology

**Awards**—The recipient of this award will receive a state of the art Personal Digital Assistant and a commemorative trophy with his or her name engraved, and an all-expenses-paid trip to receive the award at the 2003 National Educational Computing Conference to be held in Seattle, WA.

### The Funding Factory ([www.fundingfactory.com](http://www.fundingfactory.com))

Through the Funding Factory's innovative recycling programs, schools collect and send in empty laser and inkjet printer cartridges and old cell phones and redeem them for FREE educational technology, sports, recreation and playground equipment. Schools can also solicit area businesses to send their used cartridges and cell phones to FundingFactory with credit going to the school. FundingFactory provides free collection boxes and pays all shipping costs to schools and businesses.