



# Technology Funding Alert!

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## Twenty Region IV Districts Eligible for EETT Competitive Grants

The California Department of Education has recently posted for public review and comment the guidelines for the \$40 million federal Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) grant competitive program. Twenty districts and one charter school in Region IV qualify for these funds, based on economic census data.

These 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 twenty-page 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). The list of eligible schools and the draft RFA have been posted. 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.

Districts applying for these funds are required to complete the state Education Technology Survey by March 17. The survey can be found at: <<http://www.cde.ca.gov/edtechsurvey/>>.

### List of Eligible Districts

<b>Alameda County</b>	<b>Marin County</b>	<b>San Francisco County</b>
Berkeley	Novato	San Francisco
Hayward	San Rafael	
New Haven		<b>Solano County</b>
Oakland	<b>Napa County</b>	Fairfield
San Leandro	Napa Valley	Vacaville
San Lorenzo	<b>San Mateo County</b>	Vallejo
<b>Contra Costa County</b>	Garfield Charter (Elementary)	
Mt. Diablo	Jefferson Elementary	
Pittsburg	Ravenswood	
West Contra Costa	Redwood City	
	San Mateo-Foster City	

**Web Site**—[www.bmtfoundation.com/grants](http://www.bmtfoundation.com/grants)  
**Deadline**—January 6, 2003-March 31, 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.

**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.

### AMD Corporate Giving Program

AMD's initiatives target programs that increase a student's interest or proficiency in math and/or science; programs that teach or enhance literacy; programs that teach computer skills or support the effective use of technology in the classroom; and programs that enhance teacher retention, train teachers in the use of technology, or help create more effective teachers in math and science. Application forms and guidelines may be downloaded from the Web Site.

**Contact**—Questions may be directed to AMD Community Affairs, 1-408-749-5373 or 1-800-538-8450, Ext. 45373.

**Web Site**—[www.amd.com/us-en/Corporate/AboutAMD/0,,51\\_52\\_7697\\_7702,00.html](http://www.amd.com/us-en/Corporate/AboutAMD/0,,51_52_7697_7702,00.html)

**Deadline**—May 1, 2003

**Eligibility**—Public or private accredited K-12 schools located in Alameda and San Mateo counties

**Awards**—Grants range from \$3,000-\$10,000

### American Honda Foundation

The American Honda Foundation makes grants in the field of youth and scientific education. Scientific education is defined as the physical and life sciences, mathematics and environmental sciences. Priority is given to projects with a national scope (or demonstration projects that are replicable). Application forms may be downloaded from the Web Site or are available by sending a self-addressed label to American Honda Foundation, P.O. Box 2205, Torrance, CA 90509-2205, Attn: Grant Application Request.

**Contact**—Questions may be directed to 310-781-4090.

**Web Site**—[www.hondacorporate.com/community/?subsection=foundation](http://www.hondacorporate.com/community/?subsection=foundation)

**Deadline**—May 1, 2003

**Eligibility**—Public or private K-12 schools

**Awards**—Grants range from \$10,000-\$100,000 for one-time requests, and \$40,000-\$80,000 for multiple-year requests.

## GRANTS

### Beaumont Foundation of America

The Beaumont Foundation will provide technology equipment grants to under-served 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).

## 37th Annual California Student Media & Multimedia Festival

The Festival celebrates converging technologies with media and multimedia projects produced by students and teachers. The Festival is sponsored by the California School Library Association (CSLA), the professional organization of California's library media teachers and by Computer Using Educators (CUE), California's largest technology user group for educators. Entry forms for the 37th Annual Festival (school 2002-03) will be posted online in February 2003. The deadline for submission of entry forms is April 7, 2003. Winners will receive \$1,000 awards for their schools. The Festival has awarded over \$92,000 over the last five years directly to California schools. For further information, please visit their Web Site at <[www.mediafestival.org/home.html](http://www.mediafestival.org/home.html)>.

### Candle Foundation

The Candle Foundation supports grants for community investment, education and information dissemination, hunger and homelessness, preventive healthcare and medical research. Projects involving creative uses of technology will be considered. Online application is required.

**Contact**—Marti Mossawir, Community Relations Manager, 100 N. Sepulveda Blvd., El Segundo, CA 90245, 310-727-4041, [candle\\_foundation@candle.com](mailto:candle_foundation@candle.com)

**Web Site**—[www.candle.com](http://www.candle.com) (Enter "Candle Foundation" in the search window.)

**Deadline**—May 1, 2003

**Eligibility**—Public K-12 schools nationwide

**Awards**—\$1,000-\$10,000 grant range in the above five categories

### Target Stores Community Giving Programs

Target grantmaking focuses on the arts, education and on family violence prevention. Projects involving creative uses of technology will be considered. Local stores award the grants.

#### Arts in Education

Target support for the arts includes grants to make art exhibitions, classes and performances more affordable and accessible for families. Programs that bring arts to schools or schoolchildren to the arts are of particular interest.

#### Education

Target supports programs that promote a love of reading or encourage children to read together with their families. Preference is given to programs that inspire young readers (birth through third grade).

#### Family Violence Prevention

Target supports family violence prevention including funding for parenting education, crisis nurseries, family counseling, after-school programs, support groups and abuse shelters.

**Contact**—Contact your local Target store team leader.

**Web Site**—[target.com/common/page.jhtml?content=target\\_cg\\_grant\\_guidelines](http://target.com/common/page.jhtml?content=target_cg_grant_guidelines) (Application forms are available online.)

**Deadline**—February 1-July 31, 2003

**Eligibility**—Schools and nonprofit organizations

**Awards**—Grants range from \$1,000-\$5,000

## PRODUCT DONATIONS

### Oracle Help Us Help Foundation

The Oracle Help Us Help Foundation is a nonprofit organization that assists K-12 public schools and youth organizations in economically challenged communities through grants of computer equipment and software.

**Contact**—Direct questions to 1-866-600-4357, or [HelpUsHelp\\_@oracle.com](mailto:HelpUsHelp_@oracle.com).

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

**Deadline**—August 31, 2003 (Submit your Online Preliminary Application early. The foundation accepts a limited number of applications each cycle and stops accepting new applications once the maximum is reached.)

**Eligibility**—K-12 public schools, public charter schools and nonprofit organizations that serve low-income youth

**Awards**—Grant packages are structured to outfit one, three or six classrooms with five iMac computers and one Kyocera Mita laser printer each. Professional training is provided.

## AWARDS/COMPETITIONS

### Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) Program

Sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF), this program identifies outstanding mathematics and science teachers. These teachers will serve as models for their colleagues and will be leaders in the improvement of science and mathematics education. Teachers must be nominated for the award.

**Contact**—For information on how to contact your State Coordinator, please visit the PAEMST Web site at [www.nsf.gov/pa](http://www.nsf.gov/pa).

**Web Site**—[www.nsf.gov/pa](http://www.nsf.gov/pa)

**Deadline**—May 1, 2003

**Eligibility**—Public or private mathematics and/or science school teachers in grades 7-12, who have at least 5 years teaching experience in mathematics and/or science

## Free Curriculum Projects for Educators

### Teach CS Concepts Using SoftWIRE and Lego Mindstorms Robots

MainFunction provides its registered educators with a set of classroom projects from SoftWIRE. This set of five projects reinforces important computer science concepts using Lego Mindstorm robots controlled through Visual Studio.NET and programmed using the SoftWIRE graphical programming package. Registered educators are invited to download these free projects from MainFunction and put them to use in the classroom. If you are not a registered MainFunction educator, you are encouraged to register. Registration is free. For further information visit their Web Site at <[educators.mainfunction.com/Resources/display.asp?page=softWIRE.asp](http://educators.mainfunction.com/Resources/display.asp?page=softWIRE.asp)>.

## Grant Alert!

### Technology Opportunities Program (TOP)

([www.ntia.doc.gov/top/grants/application.htm](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/top/grants/application.htm))

On February 20, 2003, Congress appropriated \$15.5 million for FY2003 for TOP. Very shortly, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration will release a *Notice of Availability of Funds (Notice)* in the *Federal Register*, which will describe the rules and deadlines for applying for a Fiscal Year 2003 TOP grant. In addition, TOP will provide links to the *Notice* on the Web Site. To be alerted via email regarding release of the *Notice*, please register for TOP's automated email list.

Because of the delay, applicants will have a limited period of time to prepare applications. If you are interested in applying, you are urged to take advantage of the resources on the Web Site. To familiarize yourself with TOP's procedures, you may want to access last year's application kit, which will be updated in the near future for FY2003 procedures and deadlines.

**Awards**—Each Presidential Awardee will receive a \$10,000 award and will be invited to attend an award ceremony in Washington, DC where they will receive a Presidential Citation.

### InvenTeam Grants

InvenTeam Grants, provided by the Lemelson-MIT Program for Invention and Innovation through The Lemelson Foundation, are cash awards of up to \$10,000 to teams of high school students and their teachers that are formed for the purpose of inventing something that will benefit their school or local community. Technology projects are included.

**Contact**—Please direct questions to [inventeam@mit.edu](mailto:inventeam@mit.edu) or 617-253-3352.

**Web Site**—[web.mit.edu/invent/www/InvenTeam/application.html](http://web.mit.edu/invent/www/InvenTeam/application.html)

**Deadline**—May 9, 2003 (preliminary application due), September 24, 2003 (final application due)

**Eligibility**—High school science, mathematics or technology teachers and their student teams

**Awards**—Ten grants of up to \$10,000 each