



Technology Funding Alert!

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From the Director. . .

This is CTAP Region IV's fifth year publishing the *Technology Funding Alert!* You'll be receiving five issues this year to keep you informed about opportunities for grants, awards and product donations that will support the use of technology in teaching and learning. It will also be available on our website at <http://www.ctap4.org>.

We realize that 2003-04 will be a tight budget year for schools and that grants have become an even more important source of funding to support technology in education. While the economic downturn has impacted state funding, federal Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT), will continue to support technology acquisition and professional development as part of the No Child Left Behind Act. In addition, it is anticipated that funding from a settlement with Microsoft will be available in the spring to enable California schools to purchase hardware and software.

The CDE will distribute approximately \$80 million in EETT funds this year through two programs: \$40 million through a formula funded program that will be announced this month, and \$40 million through a competitive application to be announced in November. Formula funds will be allocated based upon each district's share of Title I funding. To receive the funds, districts will need to have the CDE review their district technology plan for compliance with federal technology plan requirements. The window for submitting plans for approval is expected to begin in mid-October and end in early March. Districts whose technology plans were approved last year continue to qualify for ongoing EETT formula funding. Districts can learn more about EETT at the CDE website: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/edtech/eett/>.

Information about the Microsoft settlement funding will be released in early 2004. Again, districts will need to have a state approved technology plan in order to receive funding. Details of this funding will be announced in future issues of the *Technology Funding Alert!*

Members of the CTAP staff are available to work with your district in developing a district technology plan that meets state approval and helps you qualify for these funding opportunities. For further information and a listing of staff to contact, visit the Region IV Web page at <http://www.ctap4.org>, or phone us at (510) 670-4166.

a teacher-centered workshop aligned with curriculum guidelines. The grant is designed to provide the funding and support for individual educators or a team of educators who want to provide district-wide staff development opportunities for teachers and support staff.

Contact—Kris Heydon, 510-486-0590, kheydon@wccusd.k12.ca.us

Web Site—www.ebcue.org (online application encouraged)

Deadline—November 14, 2003

Eligibility—This grant is limited to K-12 classroom teachers, who are EBCUE members.

Awards—The number of awards will vary depending on the funds requested. Grant awards are for no more than \$1,000 and approved grant proposals will be funded in full.

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. 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.

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 (download Guidelines and Application)

Deadline—December 1, 2003

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

Awards—Grants range from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and may span an academic year or year and a half.

Specialized Secondary Programs (SSPs)

Sponsored by the California Department of Education, the primary purpose of

GRANTS

East Bay Computer Using Educators (EBCUE) Technology in the Classroom Annual Grant

This grant provides classroom teachers, who are EBCUE members, with funding for technology tools that enhance innovative, student-centered projects that align with curriculum guidelines.

Contact—Kris Heydon, 510-486-0590, kheydon@yahoo.com

Web Site—www.ebcue.org (online application encouraged)

Deadline—November 14, 2003

Eligibility—This grant is limited to K-12 classroom teachers who are EBCUE

members. Interested applicants, who are not EBCUE members, should download a membership application from the web site and mail the application to Kris Heydon, 1819-A Francisco St., Berkeley, CA 94703.

Awards—The number of awards will vary depending on the funds requested. Grant awards are for no more than \$1,000 and approved grant proposals will be funded in full.

East Bay Computer Using Educators (EBCUE) CTAP Region IV Inservice Grants

This grant provides educators, who are EBCUE members, with funding for the development and implementation of

SSPs has expanded from a focus on only technology and the visual and performing arts to include programs that feature all core content areas such as English-language arts, mathematics, science, history and social science, foreign language, and visual performing arts. The acquisition of technology skills and their use as a tool for instruction and learning are also emphasized in SSPs. The SSP funds must be for a new program in the high school rather than maintenance or expansion of existing programs.

Contact—Program questions may be directed to Barbara Weiss, High School Initiatives, e-mail: bweiss@cde.ca.gov, tel. 916-319-0481.

Web Site—www.cde.ca.gov/ssp/rfa.html

Deadline—October 31, 2003 (Intent to Submit Due); December 5, 2003 (Application Due)

Eligibility—Comprehensive public high schools that are not currently receiving a SSP grant. High schools that currently have a California Partnership Academy may apply for a SSP grant providing the focus of the SSP is clearly different from the Partnership Academy.

Awards—The SSP funding cycle is four years: a planning year grant for \$35,000 and three years of program implementation totaling up to \$250,000, depending on the size of the high school and the number of students who will be served with these funds.

Toyota TIME

Sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, Inc. in partnership with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Toyota's Investment In Mathematics Excellence (TIME) is a grant awarding teachers up to \$10,000 for innovative projects that enhance mathematics education within a school. The focus is on individual students and classrooms rather than on district-wide projects. Technology projects are included.

Contact—Questions may be directed to toyotatime@nctm.org or 1-888-573-TIME.

Web Site—www.nctm.org/about/toyota/index.asp

Deadline—January 7, 2004

Eligibility—K-12 classroom teachers with 3 years experience teaching mathematics

Awards—Up to thirty-five (35) two-year grants, totaling up to \$350,000, will be awarded. Grants will be awarded at three levels: elementary, middle, and high school. In addition, project directors will be invited to an expense-paid three-day seminar in the summer following the first year of the project.

Reach-A Star Foundation Educational Mini Grants

Educational Mini Grants are offered to

teachers and educators to provide a source of funding for a specific event or small project. Educational projects involving creative uses of technology will be considered.

Contact—Please direct questions to Toll-free: 866-373-STAR (7827), Fax: 510-595-7826, E-mail: info@reachastar.org

Web Site—www.reachastar.org

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—K-8 public or private school teachers serving students in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo

Awards—Up to \$500

Useful E-rate Resources

The filing window for the next program year is November 5, 2003 through February 4, 2004.

E-rate and the California Teleconnect Fund (www.cde.ca.gov/erate)

E-rate and the California Teleconnect Fund (CTF) are programs that provide discounts on telecommunications costs to eligible schools. Although there are differences in eligible services and discount rates, it is possible for schools to receive significant discounts on telecommunications costs by using both E-rate and CTF discounts separately or together. In addition to useful information about E-rate, the web site offers a CDE E-rate Mailing List. Questions may be directed to Wayne Shimizu in the CDE Education Technology Office at wshimizu@cde.ca.gov or 916-322-5894.

E-Rate Central (www.e-ratecentral.org)

E-Rate Central is a web site dedicated to simplifying the E-rate filing process for schools, libraries, and vendors.

PRODUCT DONATIONS

Intel® Model School Program

The Intel® Model School Program is designed to provide equipment for a school or district to enhance their technology by using advanced technology. The purpose of the Intel® Model School Program is to identify schools that desire equipment or have a unique project to complete by using Intel products, and to be able to show the improvement in the quality of the education experience for both the teacher and the student by using high-end technology.

Contact—If you have any program related questions, please contact Terry Smithson at 916-356-0416, or email: terry.d.smithson@intel.com.

Web Site—www.intel.com/modelschool (Online Application Required)

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—K-12 schools or school districts

Awards—Seeding of Intel equipment

AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS

RadioShack National Teacher Awards

The program is designed to recognize teachers who demonstrate a commitment to educational excellence in mathematics, science, and technology. To be considered for recognition, teachers must be nominated by their school principal or a former honoree, submit a completed application packet, and provide a letter of reference.

Contact—Questions may be directed to teacher.awards@radioshack.com

Web Site—<http://education.radioshack.com/teacherawards/index.html>

Deadline—November 7, 2003

Eligibility—Public and private high school teachers

Awards—110 cash prizes ranging from \$1,000-\$3,000 each

Sixth Annual Inspired Teacher Scholarships for Visual Learning

Inspiration Software is offering this scholarship program to educators who demonstrate an understanding of visual learning and a commitment to the integration of visual learning techniques into the curriculum. Scholarship funds can be applied towards professional development activities that focus on visual learning and technology.

Contact—Questions or comments may be directed to marketing@inspiration.com

Web Site—www.inspiration.com/prodev/index.cfm?fuseaction=scholarship

Deadline—January 28, 2004

Eligibility—Teachers in K-12 schools or institutes of higher learning. A minimum of one year of service is required. Technology coordinators, library media specialists, and curriculum coordinators are encouraged to apply, but should demonstrate direct contact with students when completing the application requirements.

Awards—30 scholarships of \$750 each

School Year 2003-04 Technology Funding Alert! Publication Schedule

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May 1, 2004