



# Technology Funding Alert!

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## Local Teachers Win Grant Awards Listed in CTAP Technology Funding Alert!

Twenty-one teachers in Region IV are recent recipients of \$2,500 te@ch program grants from the Best Buy's Children's Foundation. The grants were awarded to schools in recognition of programs or projects that creatively integrate interactive technology into the curriculum. Funds will be sent to the schools where these teachers work to support the use of technology in the classroom.

This round of grant funding demonstrates that all teachers can apply for grants, and that many receive funding if they take the initiative. We were pleased to hear from so many of these teachers who indicated they learned of this grant opportunity from the *CTAP Technology Funding Alert!* More than \$50,000 was awarded in our region. A complete list of funded schools appears below.

### Successful Best Buy te@ch Program Grant Winners in Region IV:

SCHOOL	CONTACT	CITY
Abraham Lincoln High School	Tera Freedman	San Francisco
Acalanes High School	Heller Stanton	Lafayette
Bacich School	Allyson Schut	Greenbrae
Cabrillo Elementary School	Maureen Addiego	Fremont
Coleman Elementary School	Lynn Watts	San Rafael
Hall Middle School	Bob Montes	Larkspur
Hercules Middle High School	Diane Preece	Hercules
Hillview High School	Richard Vaughan	Menlo Park
John O'Connell High School	Connie Hendrix	San Francisco
LomaVerde Elementary	Dan Gies	Novato
Los Cerros Middle School	Gail Etchie	Danville
Maine Prairie High School	Wayne Catron	Dixon
Manzanita Middle School	Gary Horne	El Sobrante
Mare Island Technology Academy	Sara Hallerman	Vallejo
Our Lady of Guadalupe School	Renee M. Ramig	Fremont
Prescott Elementary School	Doreen Callender	Oakland
Reed Elementary School	Daniel Guliasi	Tiburon
Sir Francis Drake High School	Patti Vance	San Anselmo
St. Anselm School	Stacy Pynter	San Anselmo
Thousand Oaks	Maria Rosa Keys	Berkeley
Washington Elementary School	Bruce Simon	Berkeley

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

## GRANTS

### Technology Opportunities Program (TOP)

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), TOP gives grants for model projects demonstrating innovative uses of network technologies in underserved communities.

**Contact**—Wayne Ritchie, 202-482-2048 ext. 5515, or [writchie@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:writchie@ntia.doc.gov).

**Web Site**—[www.ntia.doc.gov/top](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/top)

**Deadline**—April 27, 2004

**Eligibility**—Partnerships of schools, colleges, universities, libraries, museums, state and local governments, and community-based nonprofit organizations

**Awards**—\$12.9 million is available for matching grants up to \$700,000

### CiviConnections: Constructing the past, creating the future

Sponsored by the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS), this grant program is designed to support educational projects linking local history inquiry with community service-learning activities. A team of three teachers can apply for a grant to

cover their costs for attending a summer workshop, implementing the program during the fall of 2004, and attending the 2004 NCSS Annual Conference. Projects involving creative uses of technology are considered.

**Contact**—For further information about CiviConnections or the application process, contact [civiconnections@ncss.org](mailto:civiconnections@ncss.org) or call Trevi Brown-Thomas at 301-588-1800, ext. 106.

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

**Deadline**—April 30, 2004

**Eligibility**—Teams of three teachers from grades 3-12 in the same school district, must be members of the NCSS (or agree to join if your application is accepted), and partner with at least one local community agency

**Awards**—Grants of \$7,500

### Polaroid Visual Learning Grants

The Polaroid Education Program awards cameras and film to teachers with innovative visual learning ideas connected to state standards. Three types of visual learning grants are available: 1) Project grants provide 3 Polaroid One-Step cameras and 10 rolls of film; 2) Classroom grants provide 6 cameras and 20 rolls of film; and 3) School grants provide 12 cameras and 40 rolls of film. **A total of 40 grants are awarded each month through May 2004.** Visit their web site at: [www.polaroid.com/education](http://www.polaroid.com/education) (link to "Polaroid Education: Grant Program").

### InvenTeam Grants

InvenTeam grants are designed to support the creation of an invention that will benefit the school or local community over the course of the 2004-05 school year.

**Contact**—If you have specific questions, please contact the Lemelson-MIT Program at 617-253-3352.

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

**Deadline**—May 7, 2004

**Eligibility**—Partnerships of high school students and their science, mathematics or technology teachers and industry mentors

**Awards**—15 grants of up to \$10,000 each

### Mervyn's

Mervyn's focuses its grantmaking on education and the arts. In the area of

## 38th Annual California Student Media & Multimedia Festival

([www.mediafestival.org/](http://www.mediafestival.org/))

Sponsored by the California School Library Association and Computer Using Educators, the 38th Annual Festival will celebrate media and multimedia projects produced by students and teachers. Entries should be classroom-based projects in all curricula and may be sophisticated or unsophisticated. Applicants receive cash awards, commemorative plaques, access to a 1,800 piece video library for use in lessons or student projects, multimedia software products, and e-mail mentorships with a Hollywood working professional through the Writers Guild of America. **The deadline for entries is April 19, 2004.** Please see Web site for details.

education, Mervyn's is interested in the following types of programs: 1) children's reading programs with a focus on pre-K through 3rd grade, 2) school partnerships, 3) after-school programs, and 4) mentoring and tutoring programs. Projects involving creative uses of technology are included. Download the application from the Mervyn's web site and then submit it to your local Mervyn's store manager.

**Contact**—If you have questions about the grantmaking process, please contact your local Mervyn's store manager or call 612-696-6098.

**Web Site**—[http://target.com/mervyns\\_group/community/community\\_guidelines.jhtml](http://target.com/mervyns_group/community/community_guidelines.jhtml)

**Deadline**—May 31, 2004

**Eligibility**—K-12 schools and nonprofit agencies

**Awards**—Most grants average between \$500 and \$2,500.

### Fitzpatrick Foundation

Of primary interest to the foundation is the support of elementary and secondary school programs for students and educators, with a particular emphasis on serving economically disadvantaged youth in the San Francisco Bay Area. The Fitzpatrick Foundation supports in-school and after-school programs that enhance academic achievement, provide arts education, provide recreation and athletic activities, and develop technology skills. The Foundation also supports professional development programs for educators with an emphasis on providing and applying technology skills in the classroom.

**Contact**—For further information, please send an email to [info@fitzpatrickfoundation.com](mailto:info@fitzpatrickfoundation.com), or call 650-373-1040.

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

**Deadline**—Ongoing

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

**Awards**—Grants range from \$4,000-\$50,000, depending on the scope of the project.

### S.H. Cowell Foundation

The S.H. Cowell Foundation looks for projects that address issues of demonstrated concern to the school community, represent a school-wide commitment by teachers and staff, and employ strategies for lasting improvements in teaching and learning. Preference is given to schools where a high majority of students qualify for the federal lunch subsidy. *Before sending a letter or proposal to the Cowell Foundation, call and talk with staff to discuss your project. Staff will determine whether to encourage you to pursue the request.*

**Contact**—For further information and before sending a letter or proposal, please call 415-397-0285.

**Web Site**—[www.shcowell.org/grant/eduglines1.php](http://www.shcowell.org/grant/eduglines1.php)

**Deadline**—Ongoing

**Eligibility**—Public K-12 schools in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Solano counties

**Awards**—Grants range from less than \$1,000 to over \$500,000, depending on the scope of the project.

## PRODUCT DONATIONS

### Engaging Kids to Learn Grant

Sponsored by eInstruction, this grant of Classroom Performance System (CPS) units is designed to improve student academic achievement through the use of interactive technology that allows students to send responses to questions to a whiteboard via infrared devices similar to the remote control device for your TV set. A brief online application is required. One application per school will be awarded each month through October 2004. Applications will be kept on file for one year and applicants will automatically qualify for future awards and not be limited to the month of their initial application.

**Contact**—1-888-707-6819, [info@einstruction.com](mailto:info@einstruction.com), or fill out an online request for information on their Web site.

**Web Site**—[www.einstruction.com/](http://www.einstruction.com/) (Link to "...new education learning grant.")

**Deadline**—November 2003 through October 2004

**Eligibility**—K-12 schools

**Awards**—The following technology will be awarded to each successful applicant: eInstruction 32-pad CPS system, Dell notebook computer, Dukane projector, CPS Chalkboard

## Grant Alert!

### Improving Literacy Through School Libraries

It is anticipated that this grant program will be formally announced in mid-March, with an estimated deadline of mid-April. Schools and districts in which 20 percent of the families have incomes below the poverty line are encouraged to prepare now for this competition. Schools can use these funds to purchase and use technology that increases information literacy, information retrieval, and critical thinking skills. The money can also be used to facilitate the sharing of Internet links and resources among schools and school libraries, as well as for professional development activities. **The deadline is estimated to be April 19 but could change.** For further information, contact Irene Harwarth, 202-401-3751, [irene.harwarth@ed.gov](mailto:irene.harwarth@ed.gov) or visit the following Web site <<http://www.ed.gov/programs/lsl>>.

## CONTESTS

### Zoom-ed Classroom Contest

Win computers from eZedia Inc. for a curriculum-based project that uses an eZedia product in one of the following subject areas: language arts, science, social studies, mathematics, or art. Winners will be announced at the National Education Computing Conference to be held June 21, 2004 in New Orleans.

**Contact**—For further contest information, contact Carly Robertson at [zoom-ed@ezedia.com](mailto:zoom-ed@ezedia.com) or call toll free at 1-877-408-0195, ext. 231.

**Web Site**—[www.ezedia.com/education/classroom/contests/classroom\\_contest\\_2003.htm](http://www.ezedia.com/education/classroom/contests/classroom_contest_2003.htm)

**Deadline**—May 1, 2004

**Eligibility**—K-12 schools

**Awards**—Three Apple eMacs valued at \$3,800. All applicants will receive eZedia gear, valued at \$15, just for entering.

### Win a Wireless Lab and Other Technology for Your School!

(<http://school.discovery.com/cdwg/>)

Discovery Channel School and CDW-G have teamed up to give away a wireless computer lab valued at approximately \$40,000. Each IBM lab comes complete with 20 notebook computers, Netgear wireless cards, and on-site installation. Additional prizes include 10 Hewlett Packard projectors, 10 HP inkjet printers, and 10 sets of curriculum materials from the Discovery Channel School library. Winners will be determined by a random drawing. **Deadline: May 15th, 2004.**