



Technology Funding Alert!

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EETT Competitive Grant Application Underway

The California Department of Education (CDE) recently posted the Request for Applications for the \$20 million federal Enhancing Education Through Technology Competitive (EETT-C) grant program. Twenty-four school districts in CTAP Region IV are eligible to apply for funding through this No Child Left Behind federal program.

This portion of the EETT program is regionally competitive, with over \$2 million available for the successful districts in CTAP Region IV. The applicant must have a state approved technology plan and also write a 20-page narrative describing its proposed educational program. Districts must send their completed application to the Education Technology Office of the CDE in Sacramento by the 5 P.M., February 23, 2005 deadline. The applications will be read and scored in March with notification and awards sent in late spring.

The purpose of this EETT program is to integrate technology to help students meet or exceed state academic content standards; to create programs based on relevant research; to encourage communication and collaboration among home, school, and community; to provide teachers with a professional development program for curricular development; and to assist in the development of an effective educational technology infrastructure.

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 application will receive an initial one-time implementation grant of \$300 per pupil for the execution of their plans. It is anticipated that funding in Region IV will not extend beyond the first priority middle schools. After the successful completion of the initial grant, the schools may 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.

Funded districts will review their program using multiple measures and make semi-annual reports during the first two years of their program to demonstrate progress at achieving their objectives.

For more information about the EETT-C Round 3 program, please visit the CDE's website at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r5/eettc04rfa.asp>.

for approval in order to receive their award. LEAs receiving awards in 2003-04 do not have to reapply unless their technology plans expire in 2004-05.

Contact—Larry Hiuga, 916-327-4629, lhiuga@cde.ca.gov

Web Site—www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/ct/profile.asp?id=522

Deadline—April 6, 2005

Eligibility—Local educational agencies (public school districts) receiving Title I, Part A funding and/or consortiums that include at least one high-need school district and other local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, educational service agencies, libraries, or other educational entities appropriate to provide local programs.

Awards—Formula funding from a total of \$4.3 million

Washington Mutual

Washington Mutual makes grants to education programs that benefit K-12 public schools where a majority of students receive free and reduced-price lunches. K-12 education grants are focused on professional development for teachers and principals and school improvement strategies.

Contact—Please direct questions to 1-800-258-0543 or, in California, 213-217-4090.

Web Site—www.wamu.com/about/community/support/givingguidelines/givingguidelines.htm

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—K-12 public schools where a majority of students receive free and reduced-price lunches.

Awards—Information unavailable

DonorsChoose Bay Area

Website Connects Teachers'

Requests with Donors' Interests

Public school teachers propose project ideas by completing an online application, then donors from across the country, choose a project to fund. Requests generally fall into

Eligible districts in CTAP Region IV include:

Alameda County

Alameda City
Berkeley
Fremont
Hayward
Livermore
New Haven
Oakland
San Leandro
San Lorenzo

Contra Costa County

Antioch
Mt Diablo
Pittsburg
West Contra Costa

Marin County

San Rafael

Napa County

Napa Unified

San Francisco County

San Francisco Unified

San Mateo County

Jefferson Elementary
Ravenswood
Redwood City
San Mateo-Foster City
South San Francisco

Solano County

Fairfield-Suisun
Vacaville
Vallejo

GRANTS

Enhancing Education Through Technology (Formula)

This program provides fiscal year 2004-05 formula funding to assist local educational agencies (LEAs) to improve student

achievement through the use of technology in elementary and secondary schools. The funding supports ongoing, sustained, and intensive, high-quality professional development to integrate advanced technologies into curricula and instruction. Note: This is not an entitlement or apportionment. Applicants must submit their technology plan online

Registration Extended to March 18, 2005

2005 Practical Money Skills for Life Educator Challenge

(<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/english/resources/contest/>)

Previously announced in the November 2004 grant newsletter, the deadline for this program has been extended to March 18, 2005.

one of three categories: student/classroom materials, field trips, or visitors/speakers. Technology projects are included.

Contact—Becky Johnson, 415-956-0334 or becky@donorschoose.org

Web Site—www.donorschoose.org

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—Public school teachers in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma.

Awards—Most grants range from \$250-\$500.

E-Rate Funding Year 2005 Form 471 Filing Window Established

The window for filing for Funding Year 2005 (July 1, 2005–June 30, 2006) reimbursements opened on December 14, 2004 and closes on February 17, 2005. The process begins with filing a Form 470, which must be filed at least 30 days prior to completing the required Form 471. Note that it is the Form 471 that must be filed by the February 17, 2005 deadline.

The E-rate – or, more precisely, the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism – provides discounts to assist most schools and libraries in the United States to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access. Three service categories are funded: Telecommunications Services, Internet Access, and Internal Connections. Discounts range from 20% to 90% of the costs of eligible services, depending on the level of poverty and the urban/rural status of the population served. Eligible schools, school districts and libraries may apply individually or as part of a consortium. Learn more about the E-Rate program at <www.sl.universalservice.org>.

PRODUCT DONATIONS

2005 3M Salute to Schools

For the sixth consecutive year, 3M, in cooperation with American Association for School Librarians (AASL), will donate \$1.5 million in 3M Detection Systems and Tattle-Tape Security Strips to 100 middle and high school library media centers

Contact—AASL Awards Program, 800-545-2433, ext. 4383, or aasl@ala.org

Web Site—www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aasindex.htm

Deadline—March 1, 2005

Eligibility—Schools must be junior/middle or senior high schools with an enrollment of 500 or more students and must employ a full-time, state-certified library media specialist.

Awards—100 donations of up to \$25,000 (depending upon the physical requirements of a library media center)

Coming Soon: Win an HP Mobile Classroom + Free Reading & Math Software from Riverdeep (www.hp.com/go/yoursuccess)

HP and Riverdeep have joined together to offer a unique opportunity for K-12 schools. Teachers, technology coordinators and principals are requested to use Destination Success software for 30 days, then write and submit an essay that describes their experience to qualify for a chance to win:

Grand Prize—an HP Tablet PC Mobile Classroom, and a Destination Success Network version, 1 course of your choice, and 3 consecutive days of on-site professional development

2nd Place Prize—Free Destination Success Network version

3rd Place Prize—a Destination Success Lab Pack

The deadline for entries has not been announced. Check the website frequently.

AWARDS/COMPETITIONS

Christopher Columbus Awards

The Christopher Columbus Awards program is a cutting-edge national competition that combines science and technology with community problem-solving in a real-world setting. With the help of an adult coach, students work in teams to identify an issue they care about and use science and technology to develop an innovative solution.

Contact—Competition Hotline: 800-291-6020

Web Site—www.christophercolumbusawards.com

Deadline—February 17, 2005

Eligibility—Public, private, home schooled, and youth groups involving 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and their team coaches

Awards—Eight finalist teams and their coaches will receive an all-expense paid trip to Walt Disney World to attend National Championship Week and a \$200 grant to help toward developing their ideas. Two gold medal teams will each receive a \$2,000 U.S. Savings Bond and plaques for team members and their school. The winning team will receive a \$25,000 Columbus Foundation Community Grant as seed money to help bring its idea to life in the community.

Giant Step Award

Sponsored by Thomson Gale and School Library Journal (SLJ), the annual Giant Step Award is designed to recognize outstanding school and public libraries that are providing the type of excellent programs and services that greatly impact student learning and development, both in the school and beyond.

Contact—Phyllis Levy Mandell, 1-866-436-0727, ext. 6763 (toll free) or a Thomson Gale representative at 800-877-GALE.

Web Site—www.gale.com/schools/giant_award/about_giant.htm

Deadline—Nominations accepted through March 1, 2005.

Eligibility—School library media centers (an individual library media center or entire district's library media services program) and the youth services departments in public libraries that partner with local schools (a single library/branch library or an entire library system).

Awards—\$10,000 in cash prizes

ThinkQuest

ThinkQuest is an international website-building competition, sponsored by the Oracle Foundation. Teams of students and teachers are challenged to build websites on educational topics. These websites are published in the ThinkQuest Library and top-scoring teams win valuable prizes.

Contact—ThinkQuest Forum for Coaches: <http://forums.thinkquest.org>

Web Site—www.thinkquest.org/competition/index.shtml

Deadline—March 15, 2005

Eligibility—Students between the ages of 9 and 19 from any country in the world are eligible to participate. Students must be a member of a team coached by a school employee.

Awards—1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards in each of three divisions (12 and under, 15 and under, 19 and under), along with an overall Best of Category award in each of 6 competition categories, will be awarded. Each winning team member (students, primary coach, assistant coach and adult chaperone) will be eligible to attend ThinkQuest Live, a prestigious awards event (valued at \$4,000 per participant).

NEH 2005 Summer Seminars and Institutes

(www.neh.gov/projects/si-school.html)

The National Endowment for the Humanities offers K-12 teachers the chance to participate in a series of Summer Seminars and Institutes on various topics in the humanities. Participants receive stipends of \$2,800-\$3,700 to cover full travel costs, living expenses, books, and other research materials. Seminars are limited to 15 participants and are led by university scholars with a special interest or expertise in the specific subject. Larger institutes of 25 to 35 students cover broader themes and are often team-taught. Past programs have taught topics in literature, music, history, art, and cultural studies, and have been held in locations like Vienna, London, New York, Washington, Ireland, and Italy. All full-time teachers in U.S. K-12 schools, as well as librarians and administrators, are eligible to apply. **Application Deadline: March 1, 2005.**