



Technology Funding Alert!

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Local Teachers Win Grant Awards Listed in Technology Funding Alert!

Twenty-seven 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 *Technology Funding Alert!* More than \$65,000 was awarded in our region. A complete list of funded schools and teachers appears below.

Successful Best Buy te@ach Program Grant Winners:

School	Teacher	City
Barnard-White Middle School	Mark Lapides	Union City
Bel Aire School	Lori Grabowski	Tiburon
Calistoga Junior Senior High Calistoga	Nina Pederson	Calistoga
County Community School	Lynn Christopherson	San Rafael
Fairfield High School	Karima Wallace	Fairfield
Gretchen Higgins Elementary School	Scott Immel	Dixon
Jesse M. Bethel High School	Carla Surber	Vallejo
John Muir Elementary School	Cynthia Shay	Martinez
Longfellow Arts & Technology Magnet School	Kimberley D'Adamo	Berkeley
Mater Dolorosa	Maureen Zane	S. San Francisco
Miraloma Elementary School	Johnny Marples	San Francisco
Neil Cummins School	Christopher Smith	Larkspur
Novato Charter School	George Bevins	Novato
People's High	Brian Lee	Vallejo
Saint Paul's Episcopal School	Jaime Vallar	Oakland
Sequoia Elementary School	Betty Olson-Jones	Oakland
Silverwood Elementary School	Jacqueline De Vries	Concord
Sir Francis Drake High School	Edward Harrison	San Anselmo
St. Barnabas School	Mary Patt Glass	Alameda
St. Isabella School	Jeffrey Bausch	San Rafael
St. Mark's School	Bonnie Nishihara	San Rafael
Tamalpais High School	Ben Cleaveland	Mill Valley
Tamalpais High School	Lynne Klein	Mill Valley
Unity High School	Lillian Hsu	Oakland
Vintage High School	Katy McVicar	Napa
Willis Jepson Middle School	Stan Rayburn	Vacaville
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GRANTS

Veritas Software Foundation

The Foundation has determined that the focus for their monetary grant program will be in the area of children's issues. Please see the website for grant proposal format. Veritas software donations are also available (see Web Site).

Contact—Please direct questions to vfoundation.inquiry@veritas.com.

Web Site—www.veritas.com/aboutus/foundation/Foundation.jhtml

Deadline—April 30, 2005 (Q2 Silicon Valley Grant Round)

Eligibility—K-12 public and private schools in the greater San Francisco Bay Area

Awards—Typical grants range from \$5,000-\$20,000 however there is no funding limit to your request.

Steppingstones of Technology Innovation for Students with Disabilities

The purpose of the program is to: (1) Improve results for children with disabilities by promoting the development, demonstration, and use of technology, (2) support educational media services activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom setting to children with disabilities, and (3) provide support for captioning and video description that is appropriate for use in the classroom setting.

Contact—Dave Malouf, 202-245-7427, Dave.Malouf@ed.gov. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

Web Site—www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/ED/HRO/DCMGC/ED-GRANTS-030705-002/Grant.html

Deadline—May 6, 2005

Eligibility—State education agencies, local education agencies (schools/school districts), public charter schools, institutions of higher education, private nonprofit organizations

Awards—\$3M for grants ranging from \$100,000-\$300,000

Target: Arts and Reading Grants

Arts Grants

Programs that bring the arts to schools or children to the arts are of particular interest. Examples of Arts Grants are: school touring programs, field trips to the theater or symphony, or artist residencies and workshops in schools.

Reading Grants

Grants will be made to schools, libraries and nonprofit organizations with programs promoting a love of reading or encouraging

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

Deadline—Contest registration ends May 6, 2005. Essays must be submitted by May 27, 2005.

"Coming Soon"

Next Round of Best Buy's te@ch Program

Best Buy's te@ch program awards a \$2,500 Best Buy Gift Card to schools in recognition of programs or projects that integrate interactive technology into the curriculum and make learning fun for students. If you have not been awarded a grant, the next round of Best Buy's te@ch program will be announced in April. Please check the Web Site frequently at www.bestbuy.com (Click on "Community Relations" at the bottom of the page.)

families to read together. Target is particularly interested in programs that inspire the youngest readers (birth through third grade). Projects involving creative uses of technology will be considered.

Contact—Your local Target Store Team Leader is your initial contact when making a grant request. Applications are available at Target stores and online at Target.com.

Web Site—<http://tinyurl.com/6evo8>

Deadline—May 31, 2005

Awards—Grants range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 each.

Jordan Fundamentals Program

The Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program recognizes outstanding teaching and instructional creativity in public schools that serve economically disadvantaged students. Applicants must develop an original lesson plan or thematic unit that demonstrates high expectations for students. Applicants are encouraged to involve students in the development of this plan or unit.

Contact—Please direct questions to 507-931-1682 or jordanfundamentals@scholarshipamerica.org.

Web Site—www.nike.com/nikebiz/nikebiz.jhtml?page=26&item=jordan

Deadline—June 15, 2005

Eligibility—Public school teachers or paraprofessionals in grades 1-12 where at least 50% of the school's student population is eligible for the free or reduced school lunch program

Awards—Up to 400 grants of \$2,500 will be awarded: 200 grants (grades 1-6) and 200 grants (grades 7-12).

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Classroom Grants

The purpose of AIAA grants is to assist educators in presenting mathematics, science, and technology principles to students (K-12) in an exciting, hands-on manner. Proposals must be received one month prior to be considered for the upcoming quarterly review cycle.

Contact—Lisa Bacon, AIAA Foundation, 800-639-2422, x527

Web Site—www.aiaa.org/content.cfm?pageid=208

Deadline—Reviews in January, March, June and September

Eligibility—Teachers must be a current AIAA Educator Associate member or an AIAA Professional member actively engaged as a

K-12 classroom educator prior to receiving the grant.

Awards—Up to \$200 cash grants to purchase classroom demonstration kits, science supplies, math and science software, graphing calculators, supplies for robotics programs, supplies for making flying objects or other materials for science and math instruction. A school is limited to \$1,000 per calendar year.

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 Gina Katz, gina.katz@seagate.com.

Web Site—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

Intergraph Education Grant

The goal of the Intergraph Education Grant program is to promote innovative teaching that advances the use of geographic information sciences in learning. To apply, submit a lesson plan by email detailing how use of the software will be used in a K-12 classroom.

Contact—Shanthi Lindsey, Intergraph Corp., 713-954-8010 or 256.730.2000; email: education@intergraph.com

Web Site—<http://imgs.intergraph.com/education/grants.asp?id=1>

Deadline—None

Eligibility—K-12 primary and secondary schools

Awards—State-of-the art geographic information system (GIS) software. Products included under the program are GeoMedia Professional, GeoMedia WebMap and the IntelliWhere series.

Free Subscription to Educational Video-On-Demand (VOD)

Discovery Education presents *unitedstreaming* VOD Pass—a new program to bring standards-based digital video-on-demand to public school districts. This free subscription is available through June 30, 2005 to one school in every district that does not currently subscribe. VOD Pass provides access to more than 2,000 videos and 22,000 video clips correlated with state standards. To find out if your district qualifies for this free trial offer, visit <http://vod.unitedstreaming.com> and select a school or call 800-261-9200.

SCHOLARSHIPS/ SWEEPSTAKES

Win A Wireless Lab Sweepstakes

Three winning schools will receive a complete wireless lab, including 20 notebook or tablet computers, a projector, printer, wireless access points and cart plus onsite installation, training and support from CDW•G. To enter, go to the Web site and click on the "Win A Wireless Lab" Sweepstakes page and complete the online entry form.

Web Site—<http://school.discovery.com/cdwg/>

Deadline—May 1, 2005

Eligibility—Public, private or parochial school teachers, paraprofessional or administrators

Awards—The total value for each grand prize package exceeds \$40,000. Additional prizes include 10 Brother Multifunction printers valued at \$9,000 to first runners-up, 10 OKI Color Laser printers valued at \$3,250 to second runners-up, and curriculum software from Discovery Education to third runners-up.

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

The awards recognize exemplary K-12 teachers for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession. Teachers must be nominated prior to completing an application. Anyone—principals, teachers, students, parents, members of the community, or the general public—may nominate a teacher.

Contact—Questions may be directed to the State Coordinator (lookup available on the Web Site.)

Web Site—www.paemst.org/

Deadline—May 2, 2005

Eligibility—In 2005, secondary (7-12 grade) teachers are eligible for the award. Please see Web Site for additional eligibility requirements.

Awards—Up to 108 recipients will each receive a \$10,000 award, a paid trip for two to Washington, DC to attend a weeklong series of recognition events and professional development opportunities, a citation signed by the President of the United States, and an opportunity to join a dynamic network of Presidential Awardees.

Read for Life Scholarships

Sponsored by HP and IndiVisual Learning, this scholarship provides a mobile reading lab to promote technology-based remedial vocabulary and comprehension for ESL, ELL or LEP student populations.

Contact—Direct questions to 866-532-2140; email: info@individualllearning.com

Web Site—www.individualllearning.com/site/reading/scholarship/scholarship1.html

Deadline—None

Eligibility—Public, private, charter or parochial K-12 schools that can demonstrate financial need or have high ESL, ELL or LEP student populations

Awards—Wireless reading lab (five HP laptops with built-in WiFi capability and a mobile cart) plus a three-year license for the IndiVisual Reading Program for grades 3 and above