



Technology Funding Alert!

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From the Director . . .

This is CTAP Region IV's seventh 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 2005-06 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 this year to enable California schools to purchase hardware and software.

The CDE will distribute approximately \$60 million in EETT funds this year through two programs, \$30 million through a formula funded program that will be announced this month, and \$30 million through a competitive application to be announced next month. Formula funds will be allocated based upon each district's share of Title I funding under Title II D. To receive the funds, districts will need to have the CDE review and approve their district technology plan for compliance with federal technology plan requirements. The window for submitting plans for approval is expected to begin in October and will end in April. Districts whose technology plans were approved in the last two years will continue to qualify for ongoing EETT Formula Funded Grants. Districts can learn more about EETT at the CDE website: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/et/ft/eett.asp>.

Information about the Microsoft settlement funding, now called the Education Technology K-12 Voucher Program, will be released later this year. Watch the CDE web site for announcements at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/et/st/voucher.asp>. 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. We look forward to supporting your success in grant acquisition this year!

Bonnie Marks

Contact—Jan Half, jhalf@techcorpca.org, TCCA Program Director, 650-345-6338 or 408-712-5912.

Web Site—www.techcorpca.org

Deadline—October 10, 2005

Eligibility—K-12 schools and nonprofit youth agencies in the greater San Francisco and Silicon Valley regions

Awards—Mini-Grants (please refer to TCCA website for details): STC fee is \$2500, for licensing, training, volunteers, program management; Mini-grant will pay for \$1250 for Year 1. MVP fee is \$500 for volunteer recruitment, orientation, and coordination; Mini-grant will pay \$500 for Year 1.

Steppingstones of Technology Innovation for Children with Disabilities

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, 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—Tom Hanley, Program Officer, 202-245-7369

Web Site—www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2005-3/090105a.html

Deadline—October 18, 2005

Eligibility—Local education agencies (schools/school districts), public charter schools

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

Initiative to Develop Education through Astronomy and Space Science (IDEAS) Grant Program

The IDEAS grant program is an independent education and public outreach grant program that does not have direct attachment to a science research program. The spirit of IDEAS is to provide start-up funding to explore innovative, creative ways to integrate astronomy and space science into education and public outreach venues through partnerships between astronomers/space scientists and education professionals.

2006 EDS Technology Grant Program Opens October 2005 (www.eds.com/about/community/grants/06program.aspx)

Grants of \$1,500 will be awarded to teachers and library media specialists through a competitive application process. The program challenges teachers and librarians to explore technology-related products and services and creatively apply these tools and resources in the classroom to enrich student learning. Applications must be obtained from a sponsoring EDS account/team. The deadline for the 2006 program is January 31, 2006, in most areas. Please verify deadline date with your local sponsor upon obtaining an application. The 2006 Sponsor Listing will be available on October 15, 2005.

GRANTS

TECH CORPS California (TCCA)

Technical Support Mini-Grants

Student TECH CORPS (STC) and Managed Volunteer Programs (MVP) provide technical support for schools. STC, www.studenttechcorpca.org for middle and high school students, has an online curriculum, testing and certification, Student Help Desk, and volunteer team. MVP provides volunteers for computer troubleshooting, training, website design, and other technical assistance to elementary schools. Interested schools should refer to www.techcorpca.org, for additional program information and mini-grant guidelines. Applicants will be asked to send a one-page email, addressing the 5 questions, to the contact person.

Contact—ideas@stsci.edu

Web Site—<http://ideas.stsci.edu/>

Deadline—October 21, 2005

Eligibility—Partnerships between education professionals and space scientists

Awards—Up to \$20,000 (1-year project); up to \$50,000 (2-year projects)

American Honda Foundation Grants

The American Honda Foundation makes grants of \$10,000 to \$100,000 to K-12 schools, colleges, universities, trade schools, and other youth-focused non-profit organizations for programs that benefit youth and scientific education. The foundation is seeking programs that meet the following characteristics: imaginative, scientific, creative, humanistic, youthful, innovative, and forward-thinking.

Contact—310-781-4090

Web Site—<http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

Deadline—November 1, 2005

Eligibility—K-12 schools and other youth-focused nonprofits

Awards—Average grant range is \$40,000-\$80,000

Teacher Professional Development Grants

Grades K-5 Teacher Program

Grades 6-8 Teacher Program

Sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), the purpose of these grant programs is to support professional development to improve the competence in the teaching of mathematics of one or more full-time classroom teachers. Acquisition of equipment must support the proposed plan but not be the primary focus of the grant.

Contact—profdev@nctm.org, 703-620-9840

Web Site—www.nctm.org/about/met/dolciani.htm (*Grades K-5*) www.nctm.org/about/met/duncan.htm (*Grades 6-8*)

Deadline—November 4, 2005 (for both programs)

Eligibility—K-8 grade teachers (Applicants must be a member of the NCTM)

Awards—Up to \$3,000

Educator Grants

Aerospace Education Foundation

The Educator Grant program is designed to promote aerospace education (science, technology and national defense) activities to classrooms from kindergarten through 12th grades. The program encourages development of innovative aerospace activities within the prescribed curriculum. Projects involving creative uses of technology are encouraged.

Contact—800-291-8480

Web Site—www.aef.org/aid/grants.asp

Deadline—November 15, 2005

Eligibility—K-12 teachers

Awards—Up to \$250

ITEA Elementary Grants

Advancement of Technology Education in the Elementary Schools (K-6)

The focus of the ITEA grant will be to advance quality in technology education at the elementary school level. Grants will be awarded to schools showing a need for funding to create or advance technology activities in their schools. The proposed grant must be directed towards a comprehensive, project-based educational program concerned with technology and its evolution, utilization, and significance.

Contact—bmongold@iteaconnect.org, 703-860-2100

Web Site—www.iteaconnect.org/I2a.html

Deadline—January 1, 2006

Eligibility—K-6 elementary school teachers must hold membership in ITEA (Membership may be enclosed with application.)

Awards—Seven grants of \$1,000 each

PRODUCT DONATIONS

Readingpen K-12 Grant Program

The Readingpen K-12 Grant Program is designed to support innovative and effective uses of the Readingpen in classroom settings. The Readingpen scans, defines, translates, and pronounces words from any printed material. Preference will be given to projects that address: K-12 Reading, Reading in the content area (social studies, science, math), Supplemental Reading, ELL/ESL. Apply online.

Contact—877-344-4040

Web Site—www.readingpen.com/learn/default.htm

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—Teams of 2-3 teachers at a single K-12 school

Awards—10 Readingpens K-12 Edition (valued at \$1,000); teacher support materials; and support from a mentor, senior reading specialist with experience integrating technology for reading into the K-12 environment

AWARDS/CONTESTS/ SCHOLARSHIPS/STUDY TOURS

2006 Vernier Technology Awards

Sponsored by Vernier Software & Technology and the National Science Teachers Association, this award recognizes the innovative use of data collection technology using a computer, graphing calculator, or handheld in the science classroom.

Contact—Barbara Kinney, 703-312-9217, bkkinney@nsta.org

Web Site—www.nsta.org/vernier

Deadline—October 15, 2005

Eligibility—Teachers of science in grades K-12 schools with at least 50% of the student population eligible for the National School Lunch Program

Awards—Seven \$1,000 prizes, state-of-the-art wireless laptop computers and technology equipment and an all-expenses-paid trip to the NSTA Convention (up to \$1,000) in the following categories: one elementary (grades K-5), two middle school (grades 6-8), three high school (grades 9-12), and one college

Presidential Award for Reading and Technology 2006

Sponsored by the International Reading Association, this annual award is designed to honor educators in grades K-12 who are making an outstanding and innovative contribution to the use of technology in reading education.

Contact—exec@reading.org

Web Site—www.reading.org/association/awards/teachers_presidential.html

Deadline—November 15, 2005

Eligibility—Public and private K-12 educators

Awards—One grand prize winner will receive a \$1,000 cash prize plus expenses to attend the IRA Annual Convention. Seven additional regional winners will each receive a \$500 cash prize.

2006 Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program

The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program, sponsored by the government of Japan, provides U.S. teachers with fully-funded three-week study tours of Japan designed to introduce participants to Japan and Japanese education.

Contact—1-888-527-2636 or jfmf@iie.org

Web Site—www.iie.org/jfmf

Deadline—December 10, 2005

Eligibility—Full-time teachers of grades 1-12 from any discipline

Awards—Maximum of 600 participants

Stay Tuned...Coming in the Fall 2005...FutureReady (www.futureready.org)

Dell and Microsoft are teaming up to give away a million dollars worth of education technology. The Dell-Microsoft collaboration is designed to help students reach their full potential through technology in the classroom. To learn more and sign up for email updates, please visit their website at www.futureready.org. Three ways your school can win:

- Mobile Computer Lab Contest is a chance to win a mobile computer lab valued up to \$10,000
- Dell Intelligent Classroom Sweepstakes will award 3 schools with a technology-enabled classroom of the future, worth up to \$75,000 each.
- The Search for America's Technology Visionaries, an essay contest, will select 3 essays to be awarded school technology worth up to \$250,000 each.