



# Technology Funding Alert!

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## From the Director . . .

In today's Internet oriented world, there are so many web-based resources available that it's often difficult to find the ones that will provide the most assistance. In this issue, I'd like to point you to some grant resources that can help you locate funding for education technology. The first one is located right here at home – the CTAP Region IV grants information page <<http://www.ctap4.org/grants/>>. Our *Grants Resources* page contains information and links to EETT and state grants information, as well as to our favorite additional grant resources. Also on the CTAP website is a page focused on *Technology Planning*: <<http://www.ctap4.org/grants/planning.htm>>. Since having a state-approved technology plan is an essential condition to receive California education technology funds, this resource is key to your grant development success. Our website also has a page focused on the *Education Technology K-12 Voucher program*, with information and links to the California Department of Education resources and the Settlement Claims Administration site. To keep you informed about the latest K-12 Voucher news, we also maintain a *K-12 Voucher listserv* that you can join from the Voucher page on our Website: <<http://www.ctap4.org/grants/k-12/index.htm>>.

Another good place to seek grant information is the state-funded TICAL website: <<http://www.portical.org>>. From the TICAL home page, select *Resource Database* from the menu tabs at the top. Using "grants" as a search term will pull up an extensive list of grant resource information, from the top 10 tips for proposal writers to listings of funding opportunities. In addition, an excellent new free resource for educators is the Grant Wrangler Website: <<http://www.grantwrangler.com>>. This site, founded by Karen Greenwood Henke, former project director of NetDay, lists grant opportunities and information about grant writers. Lastly, we provide information about many grant opportunities below, and we hope one of them will be a source of new funding to support technology in your schools. If you receive a grant as a result of this publication, please contact Judy Echeandia at 510-670-4223 or <[jecheandia@aco.org](mailto:jecheandia@aco.org)>.

*Bonnie Marks*

## GRANTS

### Diploma Plus High Schools Planning Grant CDE Funding

This funding will support planning and capacity-building activities for two new high schools developed according to the Diploma Plus Model. Applicant must propose to open a new (requires new CDE school code), performance-based high school that will serve 250-400 students and open in September 2008.

**Contact**–Dennis Fisher, 916-445-5613, [dfisher@cde.ca.gov](mailto:dfisher@cde.ca.gov)

**Web Site**–[www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=907](http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=907)

**Deadline**–December 15, 2006

(Letters of Interest)

**Eligibility**–School districts, developing charter schools, community colleges, county offices of education

**Awards**–\$1,050 per student, technical support and assistance

### California Health Science Capacity Building Project CDE Funding

Provides funds for establishing new Health Science pathway programs and for en-

hancing existing Health Science pathway programs. The use of technology is one of the primary goals of this program.

**Contact**–Cindy Beck, 916-319-0470, [cbeck@cde.ca.gov](mailto:cbeck@cde.ca.gov)

**Web Site**–[www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=925](http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=925)

**Deadline**–December 15, 2006

**Eligibility**–Teams must include a school district representative, secondary administrator, middle school administrator, postsecondary representative, secondary counselor, ROC/P teacher, and a health-care industry partner.

**Awards**–\$2.4M for grant awards of \$150,000 each for a two-year project period

### NEA Foundation Grants

#### *Fine Arts Grants*

Provides funding to enable fine arts teachers to create and implement fine arts programs that promote learning among students at risk of school failure.

#### *Learning & Leadership Grants*

Provides funding for participation in professional development for individuals and group collegial study.

**Contact**–Jocelyn Huber, 202-822-7839, [jhuber@nea.org](mailto:jhuber@nea.org)

**Web Site**–[www.neafoundation.org/grants.htm](http://www.neafoundation.org/grants.htm)

**Deadline**–December 15, 2006 (*Fine Arts*); February 1, 2007 (*Learning & Leadership*)

**Eligibility**–K-12 public school teachers and education support professionals

**Awards**–10-20 grants of \$2,000 each for *Fine Arts*; 110-140 grants of \$2,000 each (individuals) and \$5,000 each (groups) for *Learning & Leadership*

### Dreyer's Foundation & "Rocky Road Bus"

Provides large grants, small grants and product donations for K-12 public education programs. Schools within a 60-mile radius of Pleasanton, CA are eligible to reserve the "Rocky Road Bus." Dreyer's provides the bus, including a driver, for school field trips ranging up to 150 miles in radius.

**Contact**–510-450-4586 (Product Donations); 800-445-0444 ("Rocky Road Bus"); or send an online message

**Web Site**–[www.dreyersinc.com/dreyersfoundation/](http://www.dreyersinc.com/dreyersfoundation/)

**Deadline**–January 15, 2007 (over \$3,000); Ongoing (under \$3,000)

**Eligibility**–Please see Website for eligibility guidelines.

**Awards**–Large grants (over \$3,000) and small grants (under \$3,000), product donations and free bus for field trips

### Toyota Tapestry Grants for Science Teachers

This program offers grants for innovative projects that enhance science education in the school and/or school district.

Online application required.

**Contact**–[tapestry@nsta.org](mailto:tapestry@nsta.org)

**Web Site**–<http://ecommerce2.nsta.org/toyota/>

**Deadline**–January 18, 2007

**Eligibility**–K-12 teachers of science

**Awards**–Fifty large grants of up to \$10,000 each and 20-25 mini-grants of up to \$2,500 each

### Next eRate Filing Window Opens November 14

The Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund makes discounts available to eligible schools and libraries for telecommunication services, Internet access, and internal connections. Schools and libraries may begin applying for 2007 eRate discounts on November 14, 2006. All applications must be received by **February 7, 2007**. For more information: <<http://www.universalservice.org/sl/>>.

### **EDS Technology Grants**

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. Please call or email Theresa Bailey for an application.

**Contact**—Theresa Bailey, 415-229-6743, [theresa.bailey@eds.com](mailto:theresa.bailey@eds.com)

**Web Site**—[www.eds.com/about/community/grants/](http://www.eds.com/about/community/grants/)

**Deadline**—January 31, 2007

**Eligibility**—K-12 schools located within a 50-mile radius of San Francisco

**Awards**—Four awards of \$1,500 each

### **NASA Explorer Schools**

Schools are now eligible to apply online for an opportunity to partner with NASA in a program designed to bring engaging mathematics, science, and technology learning to educators, students, and families. To apply, go to <http://explorerschools.nasa.gov> and click on "Program Application."

**Contact**—[explorerschools@nsta.org](mailto:explorerschools@nsta.org)

**Web Site**—[www.nsta.org/explorerschools](http://www.nsta.org/explorerschools)

**Deadline**—January 31, 2007

**Eligibility**—Grades 4-9 classrooms from underprivileged areas with high poverty levels or large minority populations

**Awards**—Fifty school teams will each receive up to \$17,500 over a 3-year project period to purchase technology tools that support science and mathematics instruction.

### **Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants**

Provides funding for projects that meet school needs in partnership with the school's parent-teacher group. Projects that encourage parent involvement will be favored. Only the first 1,500 applications will be reviewed for the Spring 2007 grant cycle, so get your online application in early.

**Contact**—[info@toolboxforeducation.com](mailto:info@toolboxforeducation.com)

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

**Deadline**—February 15, 2007

**Eligibility**—K-12 schools and parent-teacher groups

**Awards**—\$5M available for grants ranging from \$2,000-\$5,000 each

### **Win a Classroom Makeover**

The National EXPO® Classroom Makeover Contest requires students in grades 3-12 to write an original essay of not more than 100 words that describes why one of his or her teachers deserves a classroom makeover. The classroom represented in the grand prizewinner's essay will receive a \$25,000 classroom makeover and \$1,600 worth of savings bonds. In addition, up to 250 first-place prizes will be awarded a \$1,000 classroom makeover and a \$500 savings bond. Contest expires on **December 31, 2006**. For more information, please visit <http://www.expo-classroommakeover.com>. Online entry form required.

### **Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) Aid to Schools Program**

Supports public schools serving PreK-12 grade students, universities, teacher training, after-school programs, and kids safety training. Prior to applying, applicants should contact their local PG&E Public Affairs representative. For a list of representatives serving the county in which your school is located, go to [http://www.pge.com/about\\_us/community/charitable/apply.html#topic3](http://www.pge.com/about_us/community/charitable/apply.html#topic3).

**Web Site**—[www.pge.com/about\\_us/community/charitable/](http://www.pge.com/about_us/community/charitable/)

**Deadline**—Ongoing (early fall preferred)

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

**Awards**—Grants range from \$1,000-\$10,000 each.

## **PRODUCT DONATIONS**

### **Lexmark PrintArt**

This unique initiative, designed to expand and enrich the art and cultural education resources in schools, uses digital technology and photo quality printers to bring 19th century European masterpieces to 21st century students. Simply complete the online form to sign-up for the program.

**Contact**—[PrintArt@lexmark.com](mailto:PrintArt@lexmark.com)

**Web Site**—<http://printart.lexmark.com>

**Deadline**—Ongoing

**Eligibility**—K-12 schools and districts

**Awards**—Color inkjet printer featuring photo-quality resolution; multilingual CD with approximately 100 high-resolution images of art masterpieces from Europe's finest museums; teacher's guide; and materials for all subsequent phases, including art CDs and updated teacher's guides.

## **AWARDS/CONTESTS/ SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **Cable's Leaders in Learning Awards 2007**

The Cable in the Classroom's annual awards program is designed to recognize administrators, educators, community leaders and policymakers who demonstrate vision, innovation, action and transformation in education.

**Contact**—202-222-2335 or send an online message at their website.

**Web Site**—[www.ciconline.org/leadersinlearningawards](http://www.ciconline.org/leadersinlearningawards)

**Deadline**—December 15, 2006

**Eligibility**—Educators, administrators, community leaders, policymakers

**Awards**—Winners in 5 categories will each receive lodging and transportation to Washington, DC for an awards ceremony and \$3,000 in cash.

### **2007 American Association of School Librarians National School Library Media Program of the Year**

This program recognizes exemplary school library media programs that are fully integrated into the school's curriculum.

**Contact**—800-545-2433, ext. 1396, [aasl@ala.org](mailto:aasl@ala.org)

**Web Site**—[www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslawards/natlslmprogram/aaslnational.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslawards/natlslmprogram/aaslnational.htm)

**Deadline**—January 2, 2007

**Eligibility**—K-12 single schools and school districts

**Awards**—Cash awards of \$10,000 each will be made to two single schools and one school district.

### **2007 Inspired Teacher Scholarships for Visual Learning**

Inspiration Software is offering professional development scholarships to educators who are champions of visual learning and technology.

**Contact**—800-877-4292,

[trainingresources@inspiration.com](mailto:trainingresources@inspiration.com)

**Web Site**—[www.inspiration.com/prodev/](http://www.inspiration.com/prodev/) (Click on "Inspired Teacher Scholarships" link.)

**Deadline**—January 11, 2007

**Eligibility**—K-12 educators

**Awards**—30 scholarships of \$750 each

### **Verizon Tech Savvy Awards**

Recognizes programs that demystify technology for families and enable parents to better guide their children in the use of technology for the purpose of learning. This program is designed to assist community-based nonprofit organizations, libraries, and schools to incorporate information communications technology literacy as a component and enhancement of literacy.

**Contact**—Use the "Contact Us" link provided at the bottom of the web site page.

**Web Site**—[www.familit.org/](http://www.familit.org/) (Enter "Verizon Tech Savvy Awards" in search window.)

**Deadline**—January 12, 2007

**Eligibility**—K-12 schools, libraries and nonprofit organizations

**Awards**—Four regional awards of \$5,000 each and one national award of \$25,000 plus a travel stipend and conference registration scholarship of \$2,000 to attend the National Conference on Family Literacy and to participate in the awards presentation

### **AASL 2006 Awards**

Sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians, this program is designed to reward the efforts of outstanding school librarians, teachers and administrators. The deadline to apply for most of the AASL 2006 awards offered is **February 1, 2007**. Please contact the AASL Awards Program at 800-545-2433 ext. 4382 or [aasl@ala.org](mailto:aasl@ala.org), if you need assistance. For more information, visit their website at: <http://www.ala.org/aasltemplate.cfm?Section=aaslawards>.