

## Grant Funding Leads

# Educational Portraits: Landscapes or Escapes?

Pablo Picasso was once asked, “Since you draw so beautifully, why do you spend your time making those queer things?” That same type of question reverberates throughout the educational canvass being painted by the latest treatise on where education will progress in the future.

This emphasis is influencing the brush strokes flowing toward a wider perspective of where the product of the art will culminate. It is gliding away from reliance on math and reading to less AYP testing and greater reliance on a variety of types of schools and sometimes less-emphasized courses. Will algebra still be considered the “gateway” course?

Regardless of the mixtures created, the basic needs that have existed to satisfy education’s desire for the educational masterpiece will endure wherever the canvass is displayed regardless the creator, whether Picasso, Cezanne, Charles Schultz, or Arne Duncan. The goal remains the same: avail teachers the opportunity to expose students to the rigors of the Pitsco Education or LEGO Education curricula, and the educational objectives will be met.

There are significant overtures on the government levels as the **Investing in Innovation (i3)** competition provides seed money for fresh ideas, helps grow promising programs with a good track record, and scales up programs with proven results to a national level. Learn more:

<http://www2.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2009/10/10062009a.html>

In case some of those expected federal dollars escape your grasp, here are some potential private sources to be considered:

## State Farm Foundation

State Farm is primarily committed to education, helping to raise the level of student achievement in our elementary and secondary schools.

**More information:** [http://www.statefarm.com/about/part\\_spos/grants/foundation\\_grants.asp](http://www.statefarm.com/about/part_spos/grants/foundation_grants.asp)

## Lockheed Martin

Lockheed Martin particularly supports programs relating to K-16 mathematics, engineering, and science.

**More information:** <http://www.lockheedmartin.com/aboutus/community/philanthropy/funding.html>

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### MetLife-NASSP Breakthrough Schools

This group seeks to recognize schools that have made breakthroughs for improving student achievement in low-income areas.

**More information:** <http://www.principals.org/AwardsandRecognition/BreakthroughSchools.aspx>

### Tellabs Foundation

Tellabs supports local and national education programs with a particular focus on curricula for engineering, science, mathematics, and technology.

**More information:** <http://www.tellabs.com/about/foundation.shtml>

## Teacher's Pet

*(grant tip geared specifically toward teachers' smaller projects)*

### Barnes & Noble

Corporate donations are focused on literacy and arts for Pre-K through Grade 12.

**More information:** [http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our\\_company/sponsorship/Sponsorship\\_main.html](http://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our_company/sponsorship/Sponsorship_main.html)