

Grant Funding Leads

Paradise through stimulus and beyond

The search for the idyllic drives us whether at work or in the comfort of the family. All are seeking their own “Xanadu” as described by Coleridge or the utopia of the “Highlands” as sought by Burns. Perhaps on no lesser scale educators search for the classroom that achieves total engagement and demonstrates for them an environment of utility and intellectual growth.

To accomplish these goals, robotics learning tools **WeDo™**, **NXT**, and **TETRIX™**, in conjunction with a wide variety of LEGO Education products, provide the materials and the environment to establish a Highlands type atmosphere. The Xanadu experience could be weaved through the classroom via Pitsco Education curriculum topics such as *Forensic Math*, *Aquaculture*, and *Horticulture*. A wide array of educationally satisfying ingredients is available through the federal stimulus dollars or through some of the private offerings that follow – the acquisition of which would satisfy Samuel and Robert immensely.

Asbury-Warren Foundation

This group funds educational projects for public as well as religious schools. Their projects lean toward the Appalachian region.

More information: <http://asburywarren.org>

Dominion

The funding cycle is year-round, and support is directed toward innovative curricula. Anything from Pitsco Education or LEGO Education would fit their criteria.

More information: <http://www.dom.com/about/community/charitable-giving-and-the-dominion-foundation.jsp>

A.L. Mailman Family Foundation

The Mailman Family Foundation focuses on improving the systems and policies that impact very young children and their families educationally.

More information: <http://www.mailman.org/index.html>

Heineman Foundation

Heineman supports programs that enable youth to think, create, communicate, and study science effectively.

More information: http://www.heinemanfoundation.org/application_process

Eli Lilly and Company Foundation, Inc.

This foundation seeks to improve education and educational opportunities, with an emphasis on science.

More information: <http://www.lilly.com/responsibility/foundation/>

Teacher's Pet

(grant tip geared specifically toward teachers' smaller projects)

Grants for School and Youth Gardens

The National Gardening Association joins with Home Depot to provide in-kind grants for projects that actively engage kids in the garden and improve the quality of life for their communities. Grants range from \$500 to \$1,000. The Pitsco Education *Climate & Biomes* and *Ecology* Modules are suitable fits for this one.

More information: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp>