

Grant Funding Leads

A monetary ‘Valentine’s kiss’

A “Valentine” from the Congress was a pleasant gift as the House and the Senate recently vied for the right to bestow the greater sum on the education community. That’s particularly good news as schools are devising ways to tighten their collective belts in the wake of the current economic downturn. Perhaps they should attach their sleigh to the Exxon star, which turned a \$45 billion profit last year.

Since that is unlikely, the more logical choices would be the allocated state funds coupled with federal offerings. In addition, private foundations can be of significant assistance through their often specific projects. All have identifiable purpose, thus the key is to conjoin a school’s need with the grantor’s purpose. Despite the economic downswing, the education world has an acknowledged need for Pitsco Education, LEGO® Education, Algebra, Hearlihy, and Star Academy curricular offerings. Following are some ongoing federal grants and some private ones that could bring joy to your hearts and keep you busy as bees as a result of a monetary “Valentine’s kiss.”

National Science Foundation

NSF promotes the progress of science and advances scientific knowledge in K-12 institutions.

More information: <http://www.nsf.gov/funding/>

Twenty-First Century Grants

Funding is used to stimulate before- and after-school programs

More information: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/21stcclc/index.html>

Title 1 Funding

These monies are directed at helping high-poverty schools.

More information: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/index.html>

Carl Perkins Funding

Funds lean heavily toward vocational skills.

More information: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OVAE/CTE/perkins.html>

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Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT)

The objective of this grant is to ensure a technologically literate student from grade school through high school.

More information: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/edtech/index.html>

Lumina Foundation

Lumina endeavors to expand knowledge and improve practices that affect students' access and success in postsecondary education.

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

Agilent Technologies Foundation

The Agilent Technologies Foundation supports initiatives that will have a lasting effect in the field of science education and programs that include diversities of race, gender, class, and ethnicity and support underrepresented segments of the population.

More information: <http://www.agilent.com/contributions/foundation.shtml>

Asbury-Warren Foundation

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

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

Dreyer's Large Grant Foundation

Grants will be given to K-12 public education and programs that help students to succeed in core academic subjects and graduate to post-secondary education and/or vocational training.

More information: http://www.dreyersinc.com/dreyersfoundation/large_grants.asp

Heineman Foundation

Heineman programs enable youth to think, create, and communicate effectively.

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

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Teacher's Pet

(grant tip geared specifically toward teachers' smaller projects)

The Lawrence Foundation

The Lawrence Foundation focuses on making grants to support environmental, education, health, human services, and other causes.

More information: <http://www.thelawrencefoundation.org/>