

## Grant Funding Leads

# A brighter horizon beckons

The Irish say we wish you a “full moon on a dark night.” So as we wind our way into 2009 we wish for a more prosperous economic full moon to aid us in recovering from these past darker nights. The news out of Washington is filled with optimism as the educational advisor to president-elect Obama, Linda Darling-Hammond, is urging significant increases in the money spent on education. Her principal goal is building a supply of great teachers and continually improving their skills. She said, “The thirty billion dollars for education is decimal dust in the federal budget.”

Those teachers utilizing Pitsco and LEGO Education resources will elicit a brighter learning day for students and lessen the possibility of a darker educational night as those dollars are properly guided. There is also a strong possibility that institutions of higher learning will be more amenable to equipping their teacher learning facilities with Pitsco labs and materials. This would foster a strong educational vehicle in realistic hands-on experiences for novice teachers. In order to acquire the financial aid to bring many of these adventures into moonlit visibility, the following grant sources will be of assistance.

### **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>

### **Arthur Vining Davis Foundations**

These foundations encourage sustained partnerships between the faculties of colleges (e.g., arts and sciences and education) and school districts.

**More Information:** <http://www.avdf.org/>

### **Gannett Foundation**

This foundation values projects for educational and neighborhood improvement.

**More information:** <http://www.gannettfoundation.org/>

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### Heineman Foundation

Heineman supports programs that enable youth to think creatively and communicate effectively.

**More information:** [http://www.heinemanfoundation.org/application\\_process](http://www.heinemanfoundation.org/application_process)

### Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

The Kauffman Foundation promotes positive education and seeks a return on the grant investment they make.

**More information:** <http://www.kauffman.org/>

### Henry Luce Foundation

Emphasis is on higher education, but a few grants are made to secondary schools.

**More information:** <http://www.hluce.org/>

## Teacher's Pet

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

### Dollar General Foundation

Dollar General provides grants seeking advancement of literacy and basic education.

**More information:** <http://www.dollargeneral.com/Pages/index.aspx>