

## Grant Funding Leads

# Again, June Is Busting Out

Ah, June, the goal is the same as in previous summer break periods – to progress into the next education cycle seeking to meet the latest objectives. The impetus is directed toward significant improvement in student outcomes, including making substantial gains in student achievement, teacher education, closing achievement gaps, improving high school graduation rates, and ensuring that students are prepared for success in college and careers. The **Race to the Top** financial message has placed challenging opportunities before school leaders. If they are successful, the federal gratuity will buy a clambake of enormous proportions. For more information, go to <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop/index.html>.

Sans the windfall of federal monies, the private sector appears more appealing to those who feel economically neglected. LEGO® Education Consultants Ivery Toussant and David Calkins have identified grant sources that may be of assistance and are worthy of scrutiny by all sales representatives. **Secor Strategies** (<http://www.SecorStrategies.com>) is heavily into STEM courses and the funds to secure them. Some of the grant deadlines have passed; however, several appear to be ongoing and look with favor on the green objectives and desire for connections with robotics. In lieu of those possibilities, we have the following grant offerings that could ensure those who seek them will “Never Walk Alone.”

### **Braitmayer Foundation**

This foundation supports curricular reform and professional development.

**More info:** <http://www.braitmayerfoundation.org>

### **Chevron Foundation**

Chevron provides grants for partnerships between K-12 schools and local scientific organizations (museums, aquariums) to provide scientific exploration and discovery programs.

**More info:** [www.chevron.com](http://www.chevron.com)

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### Bechtel Foundation

The fund supports the notion that a nation's strength is in the fields of engineering and science.

**More info:** <http://www.sdbjrfoundation.org/>

### DuPont Community Outreach

DuPont supports an emphasis on developing strong science programs.

**More info:** [http://www2.dupont.com/Social\\_Compmitment/en\\_US/educational/index.html](http://www2.dupont.com/Social_Compmitment/en_US/educational/index.html)

### Halliburton Foundation

The Halliburton Foundation accepts grant proposals from U.S.-based nonprofit organizations that serve the following areas: education, health, and social services (health related).

**More info:** <http://www.halliburton.com/AboutUs/default.aspx?navid=992&pageid=2310>

## Teacher's Pet

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

### Office Depot Foundation

This foundation is pleased to work with organizations large and small to collaborate on programs and efforts that bring systemic change to the communities they serve. Grants range from \$50 to \$3,000.

**More info:** [http://www.officedepotfoundation.org/grant\\_guidelines.asp](http://www.officedepotfoundation.org/grant_guidelines.asp)