

The Office of Grant Development Newsletter

June 2024 Issue

All,

Our June newsletter contains small grant opportunities and other resources to help you prepare for the next school year. Please know that over the summer months our office is still happy to meet with you and support you with planning.

Note: *Formal central office "approval" to apply for any of these grants is not needed, but it is very important that you communicate with your principal about any resources you are hoping to bring into your school. We strongly encourage you to contact us in the Office of Grant Development if you are considering applying for a grant. Our team of experienced grant-writers can help you by discussing strategy or reviewing drafts. You can email us at grants@philasd.org, or find more resources on our webpage.*

<https://www.philasd.org/grants/>

Enjoy your well deserved summer break!

Sincerely,
Michael Sonkowsky,
Deputy Chief, Office of Grant Development

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Grant Opportunities

NOTE: Funders may change their mission, strategy, and target recipients at any time. The OGD has reviewed all of the opportunities to ensure that all are still accepting applications as of June 1st and are appropriate for our audience, however, it is possible that changes were made after our review. Please be sure to carefully review the funder's policies and practices before beginning any application and reach out to OGD with any changes you find.

Upcoming Deadlines

Opportunity: YSA's We Serve to Remember 9/11 Day of Service Grants

Due Date: June 23, 2024

Eligible Applicants: Schools, afterschool programs, other nonprofits, and youth changemakers between the ages of 5-25

Purpose: Grants are for youth-led service projects to be held on or around Sept. 11, 2024. Programming efforts should also honor and pay tribute to those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, their families, and those who rose in service in response to that tragedy.

Grantees are required to engage at least 100 youth as volunteers in planning and implementing the service activities. **80% of the required youth volunteers must identify as youth who are not usually asked to serve and who face systemic barriers to participation.** These include:

- Young people of color (Black, Hispanic, Asian, and Indigenous youth);
- Youth from underserved low-income families and neighborhoods; and
- Youth who are often beneficiaries of service, rather than participants in service (youth in rural communities, youth who are homeless, youth in foster care, youth with disabilities, youth in the juvenile justice system, youth who are immigrants or refugees, youth from military families, youth who are LGBTQ+, and youth who are English language learners).

Estimated Range of Awards: Up to 100 awards for \$1,000 each

Website: <https://ysa.org/campaigns/911day/>

Ongoing / Rolling Basis

Principals ONLY - Grants from Elected Officials

We highly encourage principals to reach out to your state representatives to request funding. If you receive a link to apply to a state grant, please reach out to OGD for assistance. The state application may be difficult to complete and our grant-writers can guide you through the process.

Find your PA Legislator:

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/index.cfm>

Opportunity: Karma for Cara Community Service Youth MicroGrant Program

Due Date: July 1st, October 1st, January 1st, & April 1st

Eligible Applicants: Students 18 years of age and under. Must have a teacher/adult advisor for their project.

Purpose: Students may apply to complete service projects in their communities throughout the United States.

Estimated Range of Awards: between \$250-\$1,000

Note: They do not fund stipends, facility rentals, or transportation costs.

Website: <https://karmaforcara.org/microgrant-application>

Grant Opportunities

Opportunity: Leveling the Playing Field

Due Date: Rolling Basis

Eligible Applicants: K-12 schools and nonprofits serving economically disadvantaged youth

Purpose: Leveling the Playing Field furnishes schools and community organizations with free new and gently-used sports equipment enabling those groups to provide affordable and accessible youth sports activities for their children who otherwise would not have such opportunities.

Estimated Range of Awards: Access to their warehouse space to take new and gently-used equipment on a continuous basis

Website: <https://www.levelingtheplyingfield.org/apply-for-equipment/>

Opportunity: Lovett Fund for Elementary Drama

Due Date: Rolling basis, beginning in August of each school year

Eligible Applicants: Elementary Educators, 501c3s

Purpose: Funding is available for the production of plays and musicals performed by elementary school students (grades 1–5) in a school program.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$300

Website: <http://lovettfoundation.org/elementaryDramaFund.html>

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Opportunity: The Awesome Foundation

Due Date: Ongoing - every other month on the second Tuesday

Eligible Applicants: Anyone

Purpose: To support anyone working on a project to improve their community in Philadelphia

Estimated Range of Awards: \$1000

Website: <https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/philadelphia>

Opportunity: Team First Book Philadelphia

Due Date: The 1st of every month

Eligible Applicants: Community-based mentoring, tutoring, and family literacy programs

Purpose: TFBP provides new books to children in need addressing one of the most important factors affecting literacy – access to books. TFBP supplies books to schools, after-school programs and other organizations that already have the tools to teach and use the books for lessons, and then the books go home with the kids so they can share the joy of reading with their family and friends. All books distributed by First Book are brand new and are provided at no cost to the child.

Estimated Range of Awards: Varies

Website: https://firstbook.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/TFBP_Grant_Application_Form.pdf

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Opportunity: Toshiba America Foundation

Due Date: Ongoing

Eligible Applicants: Teachers of grades K-12

Purpose: Toshiba America Foundation (TAF) grants fund the projects ideas and materials teachers need to innovate in their science, technology, engineering and math classrooms. TAF is interested in funding innovative projects designed by teachers or small teams of teachers for use in their own schools and classroom. Applications must be for project based learning.

They do not consider requests for computer hardware (including computers, laptops, and tablets). Summer programs, after-school projects, and independent study projects are not eligible for funding.

Estimated Range of Awards:

GRADES K-5

Applications for less than \$5,000 are due 10/1.

GRADES 6-12

Applications for less than \$5,000 are due 6/1, 9/1, 12/1, and 3/1.

Applications for grants of more than \$5,000 are due 11/1 and 5/1.

Website: <http://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp>

Literacy Resources for Teachers

****Please note that some resources require memberships****

1) The Book Bank

<https://phillybookbank.org/>



The Philly Book Bank is located inside Martin Luther King High School and helps educators get books and resources for their students. Educators can get up to 400 books per school year, as well as supplemental classroom supplies, with a combined value of over \$4,000. Sign up [HERE](#) to be a member.

Membership is FREE. Book Bank is open on Wednesdays from 3-6pm and by appointment (email anne@phillybookbank.org).

2) Book Smiles

<https://www.booksmiles.org/>



BookSmiles, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, promotes literacy and the joy of reading by giving books to children throughout New Jersey and Greater Philadelphia. Teachers register for a \$25 yearly subscription to pick up books for their classrooms and students.

3) Tree House Book Visits

<https://www.treehousebooks.org/visits-to-the-tree-house-1>



Tree House is a Community Literacy Center headquartered in North Philadelphia on 1430 W. Susquehanna Ave. Tree House is excited to welcome local schools to enjoy a dynamic, customizable field trip experience at their Giving Library. Students participate in fun games, reading exercises, arts and crafts, and more! Plus, every child gets FREE Books to add to their home library.

School-Based Staff ONLY: DonorsChoose Match Offers

Make sure to check out this month's
DonorsChoose Match Offers for
Pennsylvania!

Click here to view offers: <https://www.donorschoose.org/match-offers>

Some Current Highlights Include:

- 1) Amazon is supporting STEM projects from teachers of color at Equity Focus Schools
- 2) Michael Jordan and The Jordan Brand are supporting Black high school teachers and schools where 50% or more high school students are Black
- 3) Kleenex® Brand is supporting Classroom Basics projects at Equity Focus Schools
- 4) Tony the Tiger and Kellogg's Frosted Flakes® matching donations on middle school sports projects

*****Please note that match offers change frequently*****

Additional Resources

Policy 702

https://www.philasd.org/schoolboard/wp-content/uploads/sites/892/2019/07/702_Gifts-Grants-Donations-and-Student-Fundraising_Policy_May.pdf

Policy 702.2

<https://www.philasd.org/schoolboard/wp-content/uploads/sites/892/2018/07/Policy-702.2.pdf>

Philly Fundamentals (Principals ONLY)

<https://www.givecampus.com/schools/TheFundfortheSchoolDistrictofPhiladelphia>

DonorsChoose (Teachers & School-facing Staff)

<https://www.donorschoose.org/>

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