

THE GRANT CONNECTION

“Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.” ~ Oprah Winfrey

Happy New Year! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful break. To kick-off 2011, here are a few grant sources worth mentioning again and even a couple of new ones. Feel free to contact this office if we can help.



As always, thanks for all that you do!

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BOOKS!

SNAPDRAGON BOOK FOUNDATION

Purpose: “To foster children's literacy by providing financial grants to school libraries serving disadvantaged youth.” Grants fund libraries, symposiums, book clubs, etc.

Eligibility: All K-12 private, public, charter, and experimental schools can apply.

Amount: \$500 - \$2,000. Last year only (8) were funded.

Deadline: April 30, 2011.

Contact: <http://www.snapdragonbookfoundation.org/index/Apply.html>

Note: Provide our website to confirm you are part of the School District of Manatee County for the “proof” section of the application. Also, take a look at the website for ideas. Funding is limited and past awards went to unique programs that served high-risk and disadvantaged students.

CLASSROOM FUNDING

ING UNSUNG HEROES

Purpose: Grants to K-12 educators utilizing new teaching methods/techniques to improve learning. Each project is judged on its innovation, creativity, and ability to positively influence students.

Eligibility: K-12 educators employed full-time by an accredited public or private school.

Amount: \$2,000 to \$25,000 each; (100) educators will receive \$2,000. The top three will receive additional awards.

Deadline: April 30, 2011.

Contact: <http://ing.us/about-ing/citizenship/childrens-education/ing-unsung-heroes>

CONTESTS FOR TEACHERS!!

TEACHER TREASURES MONTHLY CONTEST ~ ONGOING!

Purpose: Teacher Treasures is a new feature on the Department of Education's *Just for Teachers* website.

Awards: Enter each month for the chance to win prizes and gift certificates.

Deadline: Each contest begins the first of every month with the drawing the last Thursday of every month.

Contact: <http://data.fldoe.org/register/justforteachers/> Or visit the *Just for Teachers* website at www.fldoe.org/justforteachers

ENVIRONMENT

WELCH'S HARVEST GRANTS ~ DEADLINE: 2/11/11

Purpose: To provide hands-on experiences with planting, tending, and growing gardens to benefit kids of all ages.

Eligibility: Public/private schools and accredited home school associations serving Pre-K through 8th grade.

Awards: A customized indoor or outdoor garden package filled with a variety of tools, seeds, educational materials, and more. (5) “\$1,000” gardens and (95) “\$500” gardens will be awarded. Two schools from each state will be selected March 25, 2011.

Deadline: February 11, 2011.

Contact: <http://www.scholastic.com/harvest/> for a grant application.

LITERACY

TARGET: EARLY CHILDHOOD READING GRANTS – Start Planning Now!

Purpose: Grants to schools, libraries, and nonprofit organizations to support programs such as after-school reading events and weekend book clubs – anything to encourage young children, preschool through 3rd grade, to read with their families.

Awards: \$2,000.00.

Deadline: Online applications will be accepted between **March 1 - April 30**, with notification in September.

Contact: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031821>

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

BASEBALL TOMORROW FUND

Purpose: To promote the growth of youth baseball/softball by funding programs, which encourage youth participation. The grant can fund a new program, expand/improve an existing program, or obtain facilities or equipment/training for youth baseball or softball programs. Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year.

Awards: Average award is \$39,000.

Deadline: Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year. Invited applications are due quarterly.

Contact: http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/official_info/community/btf_grant_process.jsp

Note: Contact the Grant Resource Office for assistance in writing the letter of inquiry. We are here to help!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP GRANTS / NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Purpose: To support public school teachers, support professionals, etc. for one of the following two purposes:

1. Grants to individuals fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research; or
2. Grants to groups fund collegial study, including: study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment.

Eligibility: Public/private schools and accredited home school associations Pre-K - 8th grade.

Awards: \$2,000 for individuals and \$5,000 for groups engaged in collegial study.

Deadline: The next quarterly deadline is **February 1, 2011** for an April award.

Contact: <http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/educators/grant-programs/grant-application/learning-and-leadership/>

Note: "One-shot" experiences, such as attending a conference, are discouraged. **NOT funded:** college credits, indirect costs, salaries, or travel costs/conference fees for more than (1) person. Grants will fund activities for twelve months from the date of the award.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM)

AMERICAN HONDA FOUNDATION

Purpose: To support programs reflecting the basic philosophies of Honda companies. Programs should be creative, scientific, innovative, and humanistic. Honda supports youth education with a specific focus on STEM in addition to the environment, job training, and literacy.

Amount: \$20,000 - \$60,000 over a one-year period.

Deadline: February 1, 2011 is the next submission deadline for a May 2011 award. (Quarterly submissions)

Contact: Proposals should be submitted online. <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

Note: The website lists past grant recipients, future deadlines, and Honda's Report of Giving.

*For last year's words belong to last year's language
And next year's words await another voice.
And to make an end is to make a beginning.
~T.S. Eliot*

Wishing you all a great 2011!