



## Funding Resources for Teachers, Schools, & Arts Organizations 2013-2014

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### ***Grant Writing Resources:***

#### **◆ Mike Sonkowsky, Deputy Chief of Grants Development and Compliance at the School District of Philadelphia**

Mike Sonkowsky is willing to help teachers and artists find resources for their projects. Most of his small office (5 staff) works on procuring large grants for district-wide initiatives. However, Mike and his small staff are VERY willing & eager to give help to individuals. Michael Sonkowsky offered his help and encouraged applicants to contact him at any time— EMAIL MIKE SONKOWSKY when you apply for any type of grant! He will help schools apply for small grants—proofread proposals, make suggestions, etc. Training on grant writing at District is available from the District Grants Management Office upon request at any time.

**Website:** <http://webgui.phila.k12.pa.us/offices/g/grants/programs--services3>

**Grant Writing Newsletter:** <http://webgui.phila.k12.pa.us/offices/g/grants/ogdc-newsletter>

**Email:** [grants@philasd.org](mailto:grants@philasd.org) or [msonkowsky@philasd.org](mailto:msonkowsky@philasd.org)

**Phone:** 215-400-4150

#### **◆ Philadelphia Children First Fund**

Philadelphia's Children First Fund creates successful partnerships within the philanthropic sector, corporations and individuals in order to support the District's fundraising priorities. The identified areas for the 2012-2013 school year were: Arts, Music and Culture; Athletics; Early Childhood Education; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Philadelphia's Children First Fund can provide a 501 C 3 status if a school needs this classification to apply for a particular foundation, etc. Philadelphia's Children First Fund has three purposes, generally: First, acts as a pass thru for foundation & donors that do not want to give directly to and only give grants to 501 C 3 (private non-profit) organizations schools. (Schools have a public non profit status, and some foundations don't accept applications from schools directly). Second, promotes fundraising for district on large scale initiatives. Last, works on fundraising efforts with Home and School Associations.

Schools & artists who need help applying for a grant should first contact Mike Sonkowsky, ([grants@philasd.org](mailto:grants@philasd.org) or [msonkowsky@philasd.org](mailto:msonkowsky@philasd.org)) and he can determine if his office can help or if he should connect the school to the Children's First Fund. He will be the liaison to this fund. Mike Sonkowsky is Deputy Chief of Grants Development and Compliance at the School District of Philadelphia.

**Website:** <http://philchildrenfirst.org/priority-areas>

**Deadline:** Details TBD

### ♦ The Philadelphia Folklore Project

A resource for funding information in the arts specifically focused on folk and traditional arts. Their website has useful grant writing tips, sample applications, and links to online step-by-step grant proposal lessons. Additional questions about grants in folk arts can be directed to the Folklore Project at (215) 726-1106.

**Website:** <http://www.folkloreproject.org/>

**Online Grant Writing Help:** <http://www.folkloreproject.org/technical/basics.php>

<http://www.folkloreproject.org/technical/tips.php>

<http://www.folkloreproject.org/technical/sample.php>

## ***Sources of Support for Arts Education:***

♦ ArtSpeaks – free program for 4<sup>th</sup> graders to visit 5 of Philadelphia’s cultural institutions including

Philadelphia Museum of Art

The Barnes Foundation

The Fabric Workshop and Museum

Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts

**Website:** [http://www.philamuseum.org/booklets/9\\_54\\_109\\_1.html](http://www.philamuseum.org/booklets/9_54_109_1.html)

**Application: ongoing**

♦ STAMP – free access pass for teens aged 14-19 to visit 12 of Philadelphia’s top museums & attractions including

African American Museum in Philadelphia

The Barnes Foundation

Eastern State Penitentiary

Fabric Workshop & Museum

Institute of Contemporary Art

Mütter Museum of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia

National Constitution Center

National Museum of American Jewish History

Penn Museum

Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts

Philadelphia Museum of Art

Philadelphia Zoo

**Website:** <http://www.phillystampass.org/>

**Application: ongoing**

♦ VH1 Save the Music Foundation

VH1’s nonprofit arm, Save the Music, has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars to support purchase and maintenance of instruments for Philadelphia’s public school instrumental music programs. Please contact the SDP arts administration directly, [Dennis Creedon \(dwcreedon@philasd.org\)](mailto:dwcreedon@philasd.org) and [Virginia Lam \(vlam@philasd.org\)](mailto:vlam@philasd.org) if you are interested in this resource for your school.

**Website:** <http://www.vh1savethemusic.org/>

**\*Application only available after a consultation with the VH1 Save the Music Program Staff\***

#### ♦ [NAEA Art Educators Grants](#)

The National Art Education Association awards two grants of maximum \$2,500 to projects that promote the teaching of art, as well as one grant of up to \$500 to purchase art equipment.

**Website:** [http://www.arteducators.org/grants/Grants\\_Program\\_Announcement\\_Aug\\_2012.pdf](http://www.arteducators.org/grants/Grants_Program_Announcement_Aug_2012.pdf)

**Application:** [http://www.arteducators.org/grants/2013\\_NAEF\\_Grants\\_Booklet.pdf](http://www.arteducators.org/grants/2013_NAEF_Grants_Booklet.pdf)

**Deadline: October 1** (postmarked)

#### ♦ [NRG Creatively Green Award](#)

NRG Energy, Inc. and Young Audiences have partnered to create the Creatively Green Family Arts Festival award (worth up to \$10,000) available to New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania schools to offer a hands-on art experience for parents and children. This festival is targeted to educate students about sustainability, make connections between families and schools all while encouraging community organizations and businesses to get involved with schools and the community.

**Website:** <http://www.yanj-yaep.org/nrg-creatively-green-family-arts-festival/>

**Application:** <http://www.yanj-yaep.org/nrg-creatively-green-family-arts-festival/>

**Deadline: November 22, 2013**

#### ♦ [Small But Mighty Arts Grant](#)

Small But Mighty Arts is a micro-grant program that awards Philadelphia artists with funding, allowing them to complete a project to put their work out into the community.

**Website:** <http://www.smallbutmightyartsgrant.org/>

**Eligibility:** Must be 21 years old or older, cannot be enrolled full-time in college and must live and produce creative work in Philadelphia, Montgomery or Delaware counties

**Application:** Online application will be available November 22, 2013. Please note application questions for submission at <http://www.smallbutmightyartsgrant.org/>

**Deadline: November 22-24, 2013**

#### ♦ [2014 Innovation Grants Program](#)

ArtPlace America is accepting letters of inquiry for program initiatives from arts organizations and artists working with a local or national partner to create a project to transform communities.

**Website:** <http://www.artplaceamerica.org/loi/>

**Guidelines:** [http://www.artplaceamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/2014\\_ArtPlaceAmerica\\_LOIguidelines.pdf](http://www.artplaceamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/2014_ArtPlaceAmerica_LOIguidelines.pdf)

**Application:** <https://app.wizehive.com/appform/login/LOIartplaceroound4>

**Deadline: December 13, 2013**

#### ♦ [K-12 Music Programs](#)

Classics for Kids Foundation aims to bridge the funding gap and enhance school music programs by providing matching grants for new stringed instruments. Underserved music programs get priority.

**Website:** [www.classicsforkids.org/grants.html](http://www.classicsforkids.org/grants.html)

**Eligibility:** Nonprofits and K-12 schools.

**Funds:** Awards vary.

**Contact:** Michael Reynolds, Artistic Director

**Phone:** 508-740-8331

**Email:** [mr@classicsforkidsfoundation.org](mailto:mr@classicsforkidsfoundation.org)

**Deadline:** Quarterly- **December 31, March 31, June 30, and September 30**

#### ◊ [The Music Is Revolution Foundation and Mini-Grant](#)

The Music Is Revolution Foundation administers a mini-grant program for Music Is Revolution activities designed by teachers to implement, support, and/or improve their ability to provide quality music education for their students. Mini-grants up to \$500 are available to teachers for music education activities of all types.

**Website:** [http://www.svengirly.com/mir2/pdf/Mini\\_Grant\\_Application.pdf](http://www.svengirly.com/mir2/pdf/Mini_Grant_Application.pdf)

**Application:** [http://www.svengirly.com/mir2/pdf/Mini\\_Grant\\_Application.pdf](http://www.svengirly.com/mir2/pdf/Mini_Grant_Application.pdf)

**Deadline:** Applications for mini-grants are reviewed three times each year. Deadlines are **January 15**, **April 15** and **October 15**. Applications received after a deadline will be reviewed in the subsequent grant cycle. Applicants will be notified about the status of their mini-grants within 60 days of each deadline.

#### ◊ [McCarthy Dressman Funds for Classroom innovations](#)

The foundation provides funding to K-12 educators for classroom innovations. The Academic Enrichment funding goes for in-class and extracurricular programs that nurture the intellectual, artistic and creative abilities of pre-2 grade students from low-income households. Teacher Development Grants provide funding to individuals or small teams of teachers in the formation and implementation of groundbreaking collaborative K-12 classroom instruction.

**Website:** <http://mccarthydressman.org/>

**Eligibility:** K-12 teachers

**Funds:** Multiple \$10,000 grants and \$6,000 scholarships will be awarded.

**Application:** <http://apply.mccarthydressman.org/apply/login>

**Deadline:** January 15- April 15

#### ◊ [Target Arts, Culture & Design Grants](#)

Target awards a number of \$2,000 grants to fund in-school arts programs that enhance the classroom curricula for students by introducing the arts and cultural experiences to their schools. Such programs include but are not limited to in-school performances, artist-in-residency programs and workshops. Programs must take place during the academic school year.

**Website:** <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031880>

**Application:** Accessible during application period

**Deadline:** Application process open **March 1-April 30**

#### ◊ [Champion Creatively Alive Children](#)

Grants are available through Crayola to help educators explore new ways to *Champion Creatively Alive Children*. We're inspired by educators who ignite children's abilities to bring new ideas to life. There is something magical about children's self expression. That magic occurs when education leaders develop effective ways to bring colorful wings to the invisible things that grow in the hearts and minds of children. Using their visual voices helps students engage in learning, as they share thoughts and feelings. We want to help educators find and nurture promising practices.

**Website:** <http://www.crayola.com/for-educators/ccac-landing/grant-program.aspx>

**Eligibility:** Proposals must be submitted by principals who are members of NAESP currently and intend on renewing membership for the 2013-2014 school year.

**Funds:** Monetary grant of \$2,500 plus \$1,000 worth of Crayola products.

**Application:** [http://www.crayola.com/foreducators/ccaclanding/~/\\_media/Crayola/For%20Educators/Grant%20Program/docs/Application%20for%202013%20CCAC%20Grant%20Program.doc](http://www.crayola.com/foreducators/ccaclanding/~/_media/Crayola/For%20Educators/Grant%20Program/docs/Application%20for%202013%20CCAC%20Grant%20Program.doc)

**Deadline:** June 21

#### ◇ [Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance](#)

Arts fund, *Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA), Project Stream*, provide grants of up to \$3,000 to eligible organizations or individuals conducting arts projects in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties.

**Website:** <http://www.philaculture.org/services/grantmaking/project-stream>

**Eligibility:** [http://www.philaculture.org/programs/grantmaking/project\\_stream/eligibility](http://www.philaculture.org/programs/grantmaking/project_stream/eligibility)

**Past Recipients:** [http://www.philaculture.org/programs/grantmaking/project\\_stream/recipients](http://www.philaculture.org/programs/grantmaking/project_stream/recipients)

**Application Deadline: June 28**

**Contact:** Tracy Buchanan

**Email:** [tracyb@philaculture.org](mailto:tracyb@philaculture.org)

**Phone:** 215-399-3525

#### ◇ [D'Addario Foundation Grant](#)

The D'Addario Music Foundation supports programs with 501c3 or the equivalent status all over the world. In the case of educational institutions or other public entities please provide tax-exempt status.

First time applicants must fill out a letter of inquiry.

**Website:** <http://www.daddariofoundation.org/FoundationGrantGuidelines.Page?ActiveID=3104>

**Application:** <http://www.daddariofoundation.org/FoundationApplication.Page?ActiveID=3105>

**Deadlines:** Letter of Inquiry- **July 31, January 31** / Application- **September 15, March 15**

#### ◇ [The Fender Music Foundation Grant](#)

The Fender Music Foundation provides lightly used instruments and equipment to music programs at 501c3 public schools.

**Website:** <http://www.fendermusicfoundation.org/grants/grants-info/>

**Application:**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEU4SWFBSHIZVmcyaFk5eFA1dzVmSEE6MQ#gid=0>

**Deadline: Rolling**

#### ◇ [Art Room Aid](#)

If you're an art educator, Art Room Aid provides the tools to easily share your dreams and funding needs without complicated applications or fees that take away from contributions. If you're an arts advocate you can quickly locate a project that resonates with you and make a high-quality contribution that will go directly to a project in need.

**Website:** <http://www.dickblick.com/ara>

**Application:** <http://www.dickblick.com/ara/Members>

**Deadline: Ongoing**

#### ◇ [FreshArtists.Org](#)

This organization provides teachers with boxes of art supplies half-way through the year to replenish dwindling arts resources. These Art Kits are meant to augment currently existing arts programs that are running low on supplies. Our grant program targets the greatest need. We identify severely under-resourced public school art teachers through school visitations, metric reports and in collaboration with the school districts we serve, and invite the grantees to choose the supplies they most need.

**Website:** <http://www.freshartists.org/about.php>

**Application:** <http://www.freshartists.org/grants2013.php>

**Deadline: Check website for updates**

## Sources for General Grants for Teachers:

### ♦ [Target Field Trip Grants](#)

Target awards 5,000 grants of up to \$700 to fund field trips which benefit students by providing an overall student learning experience. Only teachers or administrators at a particular school may apply. Grants will be awarded based on the detailed description of the field trip and its objectives including proposed funds, number of students involved, and relevance to the curriculum. In addition, Target awards separate Arts Grants of \$2,000 to schools who provide arts learning and cultural experiences to K-12 students.

**Website:** <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031880>

**Application:** Accessible during application period

**Deadline:** Closed-Application process open August 1- September 30

### ♦ [State Farm's Neighbor Citizenship Company Grants](#)

State Farm awards grants to schools designing programs which encourage academic excellence, specifically systemic improvement to improve effectiveness of education systems, in nine categories. In addition, State Farm looks highly upon applicants who have ways to include State Farm employees in their programs.

**Website:** <http://www.statefarm.com/aboutus/community/grants/company/company.asp>

**Application:**

[http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/ao\\_login.login?x\\_gm\\_id=4214&x\\_proposal\\_type\\_id=31258](http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/ao_login.login?x_gm_id=4214&x_proposal_type_id=31258)

**Deadline:** September 3-October 31

### ♦ [Lowe's Toolbox for Education:](#)

Lowe's provides schools with funding to enhance their facilities or other cleanup/ landscape type, one-year projects. They favor project ideas which are needs-based and promote more parental and community involvement. The typical grant awarded ranges from \$2,000 to \$5,000, but there are some large grants awarded, ranging from \$50,000- \$100,000.

**Website:** <http://toolboxforeducation.com/>

**Application:** <http://toolboxforeducation.com/hta.html>

**Sample Projects and Grant Application:** <http://toolboxforeducation.com/sample.html>

**Deadline:** October 15

### ♦ [Sea World & Busch Gardens](#)

The SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards continue an annual tradition of providing incentives and financial support for youth involved in environmental projects. Since 1993, these awards have recognized the outstanding efforts of K-12 teachers and students throughout the United States. The awards provide schools and students with monetary awards, national recognition, and some recreational time at one of the SeaWorld or Busch Gardens parks.

**Website:** <http://www.seaworld.org/conservation-matters/eea/index.htm>

**Funds:** \$10,000 & all expense paid trip to the 2014 National Science Teachers Association Conference

**Eligibility:** [http://seaworldparks.com/en/SeaWorld\\_Teachers/Environmental-Excellence-Awards](http://seaworldparks.com/en/SeaWorld_Teachers/Environmental-Excellence-Awards)

**Email:** [buschgardenseducation@gmail.com](mailto:buschgardenseducation@gmail.com)

**Deadline:** November 1

### ♦ [Youth Garden Grant Awards](#)

The National Gardening Association, along with Home Depot, solicits applications for the 2014 Youth Garden Grant Awards. The awards seek to support schools and community organizations with child-centered garden

programs. Twenty winners will receive gift cards valued at \$500 and a tool package from Ames, Bonnie Plants plant starts and a seed donation from High Mowing Seeds.

**Website:** <http://grants.kidsgardening.org/2014-youth-garden-grant>

**Eligibility:** Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups. Applicants must plan to garden with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18 years.

**Application:** <https://survey.garden.org/index.php?sid=67623&lang=en>

**Deadline: December 6, 2013**

#### ♦ [Katie's Krops](#)

Katie's Krops and Nature's Greens seeks to start and maintain vegetable gardens of all sizes and donate the harvest to help feed people in need, as well as to assist and inspire others to do the same. Applications for all types of vegetable gardens will be considered—from a container garden if applicant lives in a city, or a vegetable garden located in a neighborhood or at a school. Youth between the ages of 9 and 16 are eligible to apply. Winners receive a \$400 gift card to a garden center in their area; support from Katie's Krops; and a digital camera to document the garden and the harvest.

**Website:** <http://www.katieskrops.com/>

**Application:** <http://www.katieskrops.com/apply-for-a-grant.html>

**Deadline: Closed-Will reopen December 2013**

#### ♦ [The Allen Hilles Fund](#)

The Allen Hilles Fund is a charitable foundation that provides financial support in the areas of children's education, women's issues, economic development in disadvantaged communities, and activities of the Religious Society of Friends. The Fund was established by Edith Hilles Dewees in memory of her father, Thomas Allen Hilles, and began operation in 1983.

The Hilles Fund makes grants to qualifying tax-exempt organizations. The Fund supports both specific programs and general operations. Preference is given to organizations that serve Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and have annual budgets of less than \$2 million.

**Website:** <http://www.hillesfund.org/>

**Application:** <http://www.hillesfund.org/apply.htm>

**Deadline: February 15 and September 15**

#### ♦ [The Douty Foundation](#)

The mission of the Douty Foundation is to foster equitable opportunities for disenfranchised children, youth and communities by supporting organizations that demonstrate a commitment to community engagement, education, and grassroots leadership. Grants focus on Philadelphia and Montgomery counties and on educational programs, grassroots organization, risks-taking and new ideas and organizations that demonstrate innovation and roots in the community.

**Website:** <http://www.doutyfoundation.org/>

**Application:** <http://www.doutyfoundation.org/how-to-apply/>

**Deadline: March 15 and September 15**

#### ♦ [ING Unsung Heroes Program](#)

Are you an educator with a class project that is short on funding but long on potential? Do you know a teacher looking for grant dollars? ING Unsung Heroes® could help you turn great ideas into reality for students. For 15 years, and with nearly \$3.5 million in awarded grants, ING Unsung Heroes has proven to be an A+ program with educators. The program's "alumni" have inspired success in the classroom and impacted countless numbers of

students. Each year, 100 educators are selected to receive \$2,000 to help fund their innovative class projects. Three of those are chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000.

In regards to the application, to make it easier for applicants to fill in the required information, the non-essay portion of the application is now a fillable PDF. All that an applicant needs to do is download the PDF and type in that information directly. Applicants still need to complete the essay and budget sections in a separate Word document or other word processing program, and submit all application materials following the process outlined in the application.

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

**Application:** <https://unsungheroes.scholarshipamerica.org>

**Deadline:** April 30

#### ◆ [Donor's Choice](#)

Donor's Choice connects public school teachers with people who want to support classroom learning. Teachers submit projects through the website and donors are able to select projects to fund.

**Website:** <http://www.donorschoose.org/teachers>

**Eligibility:** Full-time, educators at public schools

**Application:** <https://secure.donorschoose.org/wizard/addressWizard.html?execution=e1s1>

**Deadline:** Ongoing

#### ◆ [CVS Gift card Grant](#)

CVS/pharmacy provides up to \$100.00 gift cards to community-based organizations whose missions are vital to helping children and families in the markets where we live and work. CVS/pharmacy gift cards can be used for much-needed items such as school supplies, personal care items, water and sunscreen.

**Website:** <http://info.cvscaremark.com/community/ways-we-give/other-ways-we-give>

**Application:**

[https://www.grantrequest.com/SID\\_500/Default.asp?CT=CT&SA=SNA&FID=35039&SESID=3839&RL=](https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_500/Default.asp?CT=CT&SA=SNA&FID=35039&SESID=3839&RL=)

**Deadline:** Ongoing

#### ◆ [The Pet Care Trust](#)

The Pet Care Trust requests applications for its Pets in the Classroom Grants program. The grants seek to support pets or aquariums in the classroom for the purpose of teaching children to bond with and care for their pets responsibly.

**Website:** <http://www.petsintheclassroom.org/teachers/>

**Eligibility:** PreK-8 grade classrooms.

**Funds:** Grants range from \$50 to \$150

**Application:** <http://www.petsintheclassroom.org/grant-app/>

**Contact:** The Pet Care Trust

2105 Laurel Bush Road

Suite 200, Bel Air, MD 21015

**Phone:** (443) 640-1060 x 120

**Email:** [info@petsintheclassroom.org](mailto:info@petsintheclassroom.org)

**Deadline:** Ongoing

#### ◆ [Samuel S. Fels Fund](#)

Since Fels has a small budget—approximately \$2 million in the next few years—we could not possibly provide ongoing operating support to hundreds of organizations. Instead, we try to make grants at critical junctures. Critical junctures are points in an organization's life when there is a need to change methodologies. This could



mean growing, shrinking, trying a new type of programming, experimenting with staffing, piloting a project that might support itself eventually, opening a satellite, seeking new accreditation, retraining staff or board or rethinking the physical plant.

**Website:** <http://samfels.org/>

**Application:** <http://samfels.org/guidelines-applications/>

**Deadline: Ongoing** (with the exception of Arts and Humanities projects which are due by **5 p.m. on January 15th or May 15th**)

#### ◇ [\*\*DonorsChoose.Org: Teachers Ask, You Choose, Students Learn\*\*](#)

Donors Choose is a non-profit that provides students in need with resources that public schools are lacking. Teachers submit project proposals (one page essay and a listing of exact resources needed) for materials or experiences their students need to learn. Ideas are funded by 'Citizen Philanthropists' that choose particular projects. The donors receive a feedback package of student photos and thank-you notes and a teacher impact letter.

**Website:** <http://www.donorschoose.org/>

**Eligibility:** [http://www.donorschoose.org/html/eligibility\\_requirements.htm](http://www.donorschoose.org/html/eligibility_requirements.htm)

**Application:** <https://secure.donorschoose.org/common/signin.html>

**Deadline: Rolling**

#### ◇ [\*\*Annie's Grants for Gardens\*\*](#)

Annie's offers grants to school gardens that connect children directly to real food. These funds can be used to buy gardening tools, seeds or other needed supplies. If you would like to apply, please read our complete guidelines below and fill out the online application.

**Website:** <http://www.annies.com/school-gardens/grants-for-gardens/>

**Deadline: Closed-Check website for updates**

#### ◇ [\*\*U.S. Airways Fieldtrip Fund\*\*](#)

Field trips allow students to 'take off' on new education adventures. Through the US Airways Field Trip Fund, K-12 public schools with a minimum 70% Title I student population in the airline's hub and focus cities of Charlotte, Philadelphia, Phoenix and Washington, D.C. can apply to receive a \$500 grant to help fund transportation for educational field trips.

Field trips eligible for consideration include visits to art, science and cultural museums, community service or civic projects, career enrichment opportunities, or other defined educational events or experiences away from school.

**Website:** <http://shopping.usairways.com/en-US/aboutus/corporategiving/default.html>

**Guidelines:** <http://shopping.usairways.com/en-US/aboutus/corporategiving/cgguidelines.html>

**Application:** [https://www.grantrequest.com/SID\\_872/?SA=SNA&FID=35003](https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_872/?SA=SNA&FID=35003)

**Deadline: Closed-Check website for updates**

#### ◇ [\*\*Kids Helping Schools \(KHS\)\*\*](#)

Learning opportunities extend far beyond the classroom. Many disadvantaged schools in the Philadelphia area are finding it difficult to bring students to museums, historical sites, and cultural organizations, sustain after school extra-curricular programs, and to complete class projects that are more complex and interactive with a schools' core curriculum. KHS grants are intended to help give children firsthand learning experiences.

**Website:** <http://www.kidshelpingschools.org/>

**Eligibility:** Any teacher or administrator in a Philadelphia area school.

**Funds:** From \$250 to \$5,000.

**Contact:** [Kate@kidshelpingschools.org](mailto:Kate@kidshelpingschools.org)

**Deadline:** Check website for updates

#### ♦ [Children Can Shape The Future \(CCSF\)](#)

CCSF is a philanthropic organization that promotes community-building programs in the local Camden and Philadelphia areas. CCSF provides financial support for community-building projects and elementary- and secondary-school programs, with an emphasis on those created, developed and executed from within their communities. Swift Grant Requests (SGR) provides a more rapid action and has an upper funding limit of \$4,999. Additionally, the requested SGR amount must be at least 80% of the total program budget. For example, if any applicant requests \$4,000, the total budget for said program must not exceed \$5,000.

**Website:**

[http://www.childrencanshapethefuture.org/Children\\_Can\\_Shape\\_the\\_Future/CCSF\\_index.html](http://www.childrencanshapethefuture.org/Children_Can_Shape_the_Future/CCSF_index.html)

**Deadline:** Check website for updates

## **Professional Development Grants:**

#### ♦ [NEA's Learning and Leadership Grants](#)

The NEA awards \$2,000 grants to public school individuals and \$5,000 for groups (teachers and faculty) to participate in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research. The knowledge gained from the experiences must then be shared with colleagues and integrated into the institutional planning process.

**Website:** <http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/learning-leadership-grants/>

**Application Instructions:**

[http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display\\_question?x\\_gm\\_id=2862&x\\_quiz\\_id=1850&x\\_order\\_by=1](http://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/quiz.display_question?x_gm_id=2862&x_quiz_id=1850&x_order_by=1)

**Deadline:** October 15, February 1 and June 1

#### ♦ [IRA's Regie Routman Teacher Recognition Grant](#)

This \$2,500 grant is awarded to a teacher dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of reading and writing, across the curriculum, in grades K–6. All applicants must be members of the International Reading Association.

**Website:** [http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/teachers\\_routman.aspx](http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/teachers_routman.aspx)

**Application:** <http://fs6.formsite.com/intntreading/form49/index.html>

**Deadline:** November 15

#### ♦ [The Kennedy Center/Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Awards](#)

Each year, The Kennedy Center/Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Awards will solicit nominations from the general public and notable public figures, providing the opportunity to submit stories about teachers and professors who made a significant difference in their lives.

On March 22 a select number of these teachers will each receive The Kennedy Center/Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Award - \$10,000 in appreciation for their contributions to the field of teaching.

**Website:** <http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/awards/sondheim/>

**Application:** <http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/awards/sondheim/rules.cfm>

**Deadline:** December 15

#### ♦ [The Fishman Prize](#)

TNTP solicits applications for the Fishman Prize for Superlative Classroom Practice. The prize is an annual award for exceptionally effective teachers working in high-poverty public schools. Winners will receive \$25,000 awards

and participate in an intensive summer residency during which they reflect critically on their classroom practice, explore the larger issues that shape their profession, and write a short paper on the elements of effective teaching.

**Website:** <http://tntp.org/fishman-prize>

**Deadline:** January 14

#### ◊ [McCarthy Dressman Teacher Development Grants](#)

This grant provides funding to individuals or small groups of K-12 teachers. The Foundation awards grants up to \$10,000 per year for a maximum of three years so as to introduce and incorporate fresh strategies to the classroom and encourage critical inquiry.

**Website:** <http://mccartheydressman.org/teacher-development-grants/>

**Application:** <http://apply.mccartheydressman.org/apply/login>

**Deadline:** Online application process **January 15-April 15**

#### ◊ [Edwyna Wheadon Postgraduate Training Scholarship Fund](#)

Presented by the National Council of Teachers of English, this scholarship of \$500 is awarded to English/Language Arts teachers in public schools for the purpose of enrolling in a postgraduate course of choice to enhance teaching skills.

**Website:** <http://www.ncte.org/second/awards/wheadon>

**Application:**

[http://www.ncte.org/library/NCTEFiles/Sections/Secondary/Wheadon\\_Guidelines\\_and\\_Application.pdf](http://www.ncte.org/library/NCTEFiles/Sections/Secondary/Wheadon_Guidelines_and_Application.pdf)

**Deadline:** January 31

***For ongoing updates on general teacher resource grants, please visit [The Picasso Project](#)***

#### [The Picasso Project](#)

Grants of up to \$5,000 are awarded yearly to Philadelphia Public Schools for projects that enhance and enrich the integration of the arts into the curriculum and classroom, often in partnership between school teachers, artists from the community and local arts organizations. At the same time, the Picasso Project engages in advocacy towards long-term changes in access to and funding for arts learning in Philadelphia schools.

**Website:** [https://www.pccy.org/index.php?page=ThePicassoProject\\_38](https://www.pccy.org/index.php?page=ThePicassoProject_38)

**Application:** [https://www.pccy.org/?page=HowToApply\\_150](https://www.pccy.org/?page=HowToApply_150)

**Deadline:** November 18