

# OFFICE OF COMPETITIVE GRANTS NEWSLETTER



**AUGUST 2023**

## Freeport-McMoRan Mini-Grants for Education

### Grant Deadlines

*August 2023*

S	M	T	W	Th	Fr	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Mini-Grants for Education are designed to support K-12 teachers and schools in Freeport-McMoRan communities.

Grants ranging from \$100 to \$500 will be awarded to support projects in the following eligible project categories:

- Environment
- Mining, mineral and natural resources
- Reading and literacy
- STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

A school is eligible to receive up to four mini-grants during each application period. Each applicant/teacher/classroom may receive one mini-grant per school year.

**Application Opens:** July 1  
**Application Deadline:** September 15  
**Awards Announced:** November 1

For information and to apply, go to:

<https://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/schools/mini-grants>

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## DonorsChoose

DonorsChoose provides a way for teachers to request much needed materials, equipment, and items for their classrooms through a simple project application.

For step by step instructions, visit the Office of Competitive Grants webpage: [DonorsChoose Process](#)

For more information and to apply, go to:

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

**Please ensure all grant and DonorsChoose project applications are submitted to Ysleta ISD's Office of Competitive Grants for approval prior to submittal to the funder.**

## Toshiba America Foundation

Do you have an innovative idea for improving STEM (i.e., science, technology, engineering, math) learning in your classroom and making it fun? Is your idea project-based with measurable outcomes? With a Toshiba America Foundation grant, teachers can bring their best teaching ideas to life, trying new ways of reaching and engaging their students.

### Grades 6-12

- Grants for up to \$5,000
- Unallowable: computers, laptops, or tablets

Application Deadline	Award Announcement	Funds Sent By
9/1/2023	10/15/2023	11/15/2023
12/1/2023	1/15/2024	2/15/2024

Grades 6-12: For more information and to apply, go to: <https://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp>

### Grades K-5

- Grants for up to \$1,000
- Unallowable: computers, laptops, or tablets

Application Deadline	Award Announcement	Funds Sent By
10/1/2023	11/15/2023	12/15/2023

Grades K-5: For more information and to apply, go to: <https://www.toshiba.com/taf/k5.jsp>

## Helpful Tips for Writing a Foundation Grant

### Use a Positive Form

Stating things positively starts the reader on the right foot. Watch for the word *not* and see if you can restate the idea more effectively.

Example:      **Negative:**      The witness did not speak during the inquest.  
                      **Positive:**      The witness was silent during the inquest.

Try replacing a word or phrase plus *not* with its antonym.

<b>Negative</b>	<b>Positive</b>
Did not remember	forgot
Did not pay attention to	ignored

Venolia, Jan *Write Right!* (2001)

## Steps for District Routing

All grant and project applications, regardless of the dollar amount, must be routed through the central office administrative approval process using the following steps.

1. Write the application and follow the required steps to complete the application. Do NOT submit it to the funder yet.
2. Print a copy of the completed application. Ensure each narrative response is fully visible. If unable to expand any of the response boxes, save the question(s) and full response(s) in a Word document.
3. Complete and sign the [YISD Campus Grant Submission Form](#) and have your principal sign too.
4. To start the district routing approval process, scan and email the following documents to [lcuster@yisd.net](mailto:lcuster@yisd.net) in the Office of Competitive Grants (OCG):
  - a. Completed application
  - b. Saved Word response(s), if necessary
  - c. Signed Campus Grant Submission Form
5. Allow up to 7 business days for the routing process to be completed. Several central office departments may be involved in this approval process.
6. Once the application has been approved, the OCG will notify you to submit the grant or project application to the funder.
7. Notify the OCG once your project has been funded.

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If you need assistance with your application, please contact the Office of Competitive Grants early in the process.

*For grant procedures and helpful information, please visit our website at [www.yisd.net](http://www.yisd.net) under the Office of Competitive Grants. Newsletter layout—Luz E. Custer*