

# OFFICE OF COMPETITIVE GRANTS NEWSLETTER



## Grant Deadlines

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**DECEMBER 2023**

## KidsGardening 2024 Youth Garden Grant

The KidsGardening mission is to create opportunities for kids to play, learn, and grow through gardening, engaging their natural curiosity and wonder. The Youth Garden Grant supports school and youth educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life for youth and their communities.

Eligibility requires an organization that is planning a new or improving an existing garden program that serves at least 15 youth.

Grantees will receive:

- Funding in the amount of \$500 for the purchase of garden supplies, and
- Collection of gardening supplies.

An additional 10 grantees will also receive a specialty garden package.

**Application Deadline:** December 15, 2023

**Awards Announced:** January 19, 2024

For more information and to apply, go to:

<https://kidsgardening.org/grant-opportunities/youth-garden-grant-24/>

## American Chemical Society Hach Professional Development Grant

This funding is to support high school chemistry teachers as they identify and pursue opportunities that advance their professional development and enhance the teaching and learning of chemistry in their classrooms.

Grant funds may be used for:

- Conference or workshop registration fees
- Travel expenses
- Books and online instructional resources

**Application Deadline:** January 21, 2024

**Awards Announced:** March 21, 2024

**Grant Amount:** Up to \$2,500

If awarded, professional development activities must be completed by September 30, 2024.

For more information and to apply, go to:

[ACS-Hach Professional Development Grant - American Chemical Society](#)

## **Texas Retired Teachers Foundation**

### **Classroom Assistance Grants**

Classroom Assistance Grants are awarded to Texas public school teachers who, on a daily basis, demonstrate commitment to public education and Texas children through the creation of programs, events, or other learning platforms. The Texas Retired Teachers Foundation will award \$1,000 grants to 30 public school teachers in Texas for the 2024-2025 school year. The funding should be used to go beyond the basic curriculum, bring creativity into the classroom, and support a learning objective(s).

**Application Deadline:** January 26, 2024  
**Awards Announced:** March 28, 2024

For more information and to apply, go to:

<https://www.trtf.org/TRTF/Initiatives/ClassroomAssistance>

## **Texas Retired Teachers Foundation**

### **First-Year Teacher Scholarships**

First-Year Teacher Scholarships are awarded to first-year public school educators to assist the recipient in purchasing materials for his or her classroom. The Texas Retired Teachers Foundation will award \$1,000 grants to 35 public school teachers in Texas for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Application Deadline:** January 26, 2024  
**Awards Announced:** March 28, 2024

For more information and to apply, go to:

<https://www.trtf.org/TRTF/TRTF/Initiatives/FirstYear.aspx?hkey=8ae049c3-6165-424c-b021-3500a2ce9173>

## **Snapdragon Book Foundation**

The Snapdragon Book Foundation was started to provide funds to improve school libraries for disadvantaged children. The foundation exists to put books in the hands of kids. In a time when many schools are reallocating their funds to technology, the foundation wants to make sure that school libraries are still offering children good books to read.

Grant funds may be used for:

- Books that will be used repeatedly through classroom libraries.
- Processing or cataloging fees from book vendors (for processing of the books ordered in conjunction with your Snapdragon project).
- Reference materials for use by students.
- Magazine or newspaper subscriptions.

**Application Deadline:** February 11, 2024  
**Awards Announced:** May 2024  
**Grant Amount:** Typically ranges from \$2,500 to \$10,000

For information and to apply, go to: <http://snapdragonbookfoundation.org/application/>

## Dollar General Literacy Foundation

Dollar General's commitment to literacy is an integral part of the company's culture. Dollar General believes learning to read or learning the English language is an investment that opens doorways for personal, professional and economic growth.

### Adult Literacy Grants

Dollar General Literacy Foundation Adult Literacy Grants are awarded to entities that provide direct services to adults in need of literacy assistance in one of the following instructional areas:

- Adult Basic Education
- General Education Diploma preparation
- English language acquisition

**Application Opens: January 2024**

**Previous Maximum Grant Amount: \$10,000\***

### Summer Reading Grants

Summer Reading Grants support the creation or expansion of summer reading programs. Schools and libraries are eligible to apply if their programs meet the following criteria:

- Target students in grades PreK-12
- Target students reading below grade level
- Assist readers with learning disabilities

**Application Opens: January 2024**

**Previous Maximum Grant Amount: \$3,000\***

\*Grant amount may be subject to change with 2024 posting.

For more information and to apply, go to: <https://www.dgliteracy.org/grant-programs/>

## 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 provided to Ysleta ISD's Office of Competitive Grants for district approval prior to submittal to the funder.**

## 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*