

OFFICE OF COMPETITIVE GRANTS NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2023

Grant Deadlines

February 2023

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

March 2023

S	M	T	W	Th	Fr	S
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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The Snapdragon Book Foundation

The Snapdragon Book Foundation provides 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, they hope 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

Grant Amount:

\$500 to \$20,000

Application Deadline:

February 5, 2023 by 9:59 p.m. MT

Awards Announced:

May 2023

For information and to apply, go to:

<http://snapdragonbookfoundation.org/application/>

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Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation: GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant

Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation is committed to bringing the life-enhancing benefits of gardens and greenspaces to more people and more communities, especially those that need them most.

Proposed projects will use the funds to install new or improve existing youth gardens or greenspaces. Up to 160 programs will receive funding to start or expand their youth garden or greenspace. The proposed garden project must involve at least 15 students.

Grant Amount:

\$500 to \$1,500

Application Deadline:

February 10, 2023

Awards Announced:

March 17, 2023

For information and to apply, go to:

<https://kidsgardening.org/grant-opportunities/gromoregood-grassroots-grant-23/>

Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grants

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 support 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

Grant Amount:	Up to \$10,000
Application Deadline:	February 16, 2023 by 9:00 p.m. MT
Awards Announced:	May 11, 2023

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 who are new readers
- Target students reading below grade level
- Assist readers with learning disabilities

Grant Amount:	Up to \$3,000
Application Deadline:	February 16, 2023 by 9:00 p.m. MT
Awards Announced:	May 11, 2023

Youth Literacy Grants provide funding to schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations to help students who are reading below grade level or experiencing difficulty reading. Grant funding is provided to assist in the following areas:

- Implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs
- Purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives
- Purchasing books, materials, or software for literacy programs

Youth Literacy Grants:	2023 application will be available on March 9, 2023
Previous Maximum Grant Amount:	\$4,000*

*Grant amount may be subject to change with 2023 posting.

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

Toshiba America Foundation Grant: Grades 6-12

Toshiba America Foundation accepts applications from teachers who are passionate about making science and mathematics more engaging for their students. Funded projects in grades 6-12 provide students with the opportunity to “do science” in new ways that promise to increase their engagement with the subject matter and improve their learning.

- Applications must be for innovative, project based learning activities.
- Computers, laptops, or tablets are not allowable costs.
- Grants are for less than \$5,000.
- Only online applications are accepted.

For more information and to apply, go to:

<https://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp>

Application Deadline	Award Announcement	Funds Sent By
3/1/2023	4/15/2023	5/15/2023
6/1/2023	7/15/2023	8/15/2023
9/1/2023	10/15/2023	11/15/2023
12/1/2023	1/15/2024	2/15/2024

Whole Kids Foundation Garden Grant Program

Kids who grow veggies, eat veggies, so school gardens can make a big difference. Through the Garden Grant program, school and non-profit organizations turn outdoor spaces into powerful hands-on learning gardens that connect kids with food, spark their curiosity, and support classroom curriculum. The Garden Grant program supports a new or existing edible educational garden. The edible garden must engage at least 10 children, in any grades K-12, on a regular basis. This grant requires a community partner (e.g., local non-profit, local farm, hardware or garden store, garden club, restaurant). The partner may provide volunteer support, donations, free garden consultations.

Question and Answer Webinar: February 15, 2023 at 1 p.m. MT - registration required:

https://wholefoods.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4OkjHr8SQJSPH9oO0Yxpbg

Grant Amount: \$3,000
Application Deadline: March 1, 2023 at 10:59 p.m. MT
Awards Announced: August 1, 2023

For more information and to apply, go to:

<https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/programs/school-gardens-grant>

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.

Helpful Tips on Writing a Foundation Grant

Be direct and concise

- Use clear and straight forward language.
- Eliminate unnecessary phrases and redundancies.

Check your spelling and punctuation

1. Check your spelling, grammar, and punctuation.
2. Check it all again.
3. Have someone else check it, too.

A mistake that you miss may be found by the grant reviewer or the prospective funder. Don't let this happen to you. Put your best foot forward and let your ideas get all the attention.

Useful Steps for Successful District Routing

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

- Step 1:** Write the application and follow the required steps to complete the application. Do NOT submit it to the funder.
- Step 2:** Print a copy of the application. Ensure the full narrative is visible. If unable to expand the response boxes, include a Word document with full responses.
- Step 3:** Complete and sign the [YISD Campus Grant Submission Form](#) and have your principal sign too.
- Step 4:** To start the district routing approval process, scan and email the completed application and the signed Campus Grant Submission Form to lcuster@yisd.net in the Office of Competitive Grants (OCG).
- Step 5:** Allow up to 5 business days for the routing process to be completed. Several central office departments may be involved in this approval process.
- Step 6:** Once the application has been approved, the OCG will notify you to submit the grant or project application to the funder.
- Step 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 under the Office of Competitive Grants. Newsletter layout—Luz E. Custer