

OFFICE OF COMPETITIVE GRANTS NEWSLETTER



Grant Deadlines

February

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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:

[2024 Application – Snapdragon Book Foundation](#)

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: [Donors Choose \(visd.net\)](#)

For more information and to apply, go to:

[Teacher Sign-up | DonorsChoose](#)

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.

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 Deadline:	February 15, 2024
Maximum Grant Amount:	\$10,000
Awards Announced:	May 16, 2024

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 Deadline:	February 15, 2024
Maximum Grant Amount:	\$3,000
Awards Announced:	May 16, 2024

Youth Literacy Grants

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:

- Implement new or expand existing literacy programs
- Purchase new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives
- Purchase books, materials, or software for literacy programs

Application Opens:	March 7, 2024
Application Deadline:	April 25, 2024
Maximum Grant Amount:	\$4,000
Awards Announced:	August 22, 2024

For more information and to apply, go to: [Dollar General Literacy Foundation \(dgliteracy.org\)](https://dgliteracy.org)

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, schools 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, 2024 at 10 a.m. MT - registration required:
[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Application Opens: February 1, 2024
Grant Amount: \$3,000
Application Deadline: March 1, 2024
Awards Announced: August 1, 2024

For more information and to apply, go to: [Garden Grant Program \(wholekidsfoundation.org\)](#)

Toshiba America Foundation Grants for Grades 6-12

Do you have an innovative idea for improving STEM 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.

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

For more information and to apply, go to:
[Toshiba America Foundation](#)

Application Deadline	Award Announcement	Funds Sent By
3/1/2024	4/15/2024	5/15/2024

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

- Check your spelling, grammar, and punctuation
- Have someone else check it, too

A mistake that you miss, may be found by the grant reviewer or the prospective funder. Put your best foot forward and let your ideas get all the attention.

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 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 under the Office of Competitive Grants. Newsletter layout—Luz E. Custer