

OFFICE OF COMPETITIVE GRANTS NEWSLETTER



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Grant Deadlines

January 2023

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February 2023

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American Chemical Society: Hach Professional Development Grant

This funding is to support high school chemistry teachers as they advance their professional development and enhance the teaching and learning of chemistry in their classrooms. Limit of one teacher per application for allowable costs:

- Conference or workshop registration/tuition fees and books
- Travel expenses (e.g., airfare, fuel, hotel, meals, ground transportation, parking)
- Lab equipment and classroom supplies (up to 20% of the grant budget)

Grant Amount: Up to \$1,500
Application Deadline: January 21, 2023
Awards Announced: March 21, 2023

If awarded, professional development must take place between April 30 and September 30, 2023.

For more information and to apply, go to:

<https://www.acs.org/funding/grants/acs-hach-professional-development-grant.html>

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Texas Retired Teachers Foundation: Classroom Assistance Grant

Grants are awarded to Texas public school teachers who demonstrate their commitment through the creation of programs, events or other learning platforms.

The Texas Retired Teachers Foundation will award \$750 grants to 30 public school teachers in Texas for the 2023-2024 school year.

Application Deadline: January 27, 2023 by 4:00 p.m. MT
Awards Announced: March 31, 2023

For more information and to apply, go to:

<https://trta.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2023-2024-Classroom-Assistance-Grant-Application.pdf>

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/>

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/>

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.

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/>

Helpful Tips on Writing a Foundation Grant

- Read the grant instructions and application. Make sure what you need is what the funder wants to fund.
- Write your proposal with sufficient detail to explain your project, as this is the first time this funder will learn about it.
 - Discuss the need(s) your project will address, this may include a little bit of data
 - Tell your story, tug at the funder's heartstrings and help them to care about your project
 - Say what you need to say without being too wordy or flowery
 - Align the needs, the proposed project, and the planned budget
- Use caution with acronyms and jargon. Funders and grant application reviewers may not know what an acronym represents or what your professional jargon means. Make sure your word selection is clear and easily understood.

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.

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