

# OFFICE OF COMPETITIVE GRANTS NEWSLETTER



**JUNE 2023**

## Freeport-McMoRan Mini-Grants for Education

### Grant Deadlines

| June 2023 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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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 13  
**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.**

## **American Chemical Society's Committee on Chemical Safety (CCS) CCS High School Chemical Safety Grant**

The purpose of this grant is to promote chemical safety excellence in secondary education in one of the following areas:

- Integrating chemical safety into curriculum (e.g., integrating risk management, RAMP (Recognize hazards, Assess risks, Minimize risks, and Prepare for emergencies) into lab activities, teaching risk assessment to students and creating a culture of safety in the classroom).
- Advocating for safe chemical practices (e.g., developing and implementing peer professional development for teachers and administration, obtaining Chemical Hygiene Officer training).
- Improving chemical safety infrastructure (e.g., improvements in chemical storage, inventory management, ordering, or waste disposal).

Funds may be used for:

- Attending an approved (ACS, NSTA, AACT) safety workshop
- Personal Protective Equipment or informational materials for the laboratory
- Safety oriented professional development
- Chemical Hygiene Officer training
- Inventory and ordering management program
- Compensation for safety consultants

**Maximum Grant Award:** \$3,000

**Eligibility:** Middle or high school science teachers who use and/or manage chemicals

**Application Deadline:** August 1, 2023

For more information and to apply, go to:

<https://www.acs.org/funding/grants/ccs-high-school-chemical-safety-grant.html>

## **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 |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 9/1/2023             | 10/15/2023         | 11/15/2023    |
| 12/1/2023            | 1/15/2024          | 2/15/2024     |

## Helpful Tips for Writing a Foundation Grant

### 1. Be objective and specific

Generally funders want to make their decisions on an objective basis. Tell them the specific amount of funds you are requesting, what the funds will be used for, who will participate, and how participants will benefit from the activity.

### 2. Get your principal's approval for the submission

Talk with your principal before you write the grant to make sure he or she will approve. Complete a Campus Grant Submission Form, have your principal sign it, and submit it to the Office of Competitive Grants along with your grant or project application prior to submitting it to the funder.

### 3. Keep a copy of your complete submission

Make sure you keep a copy of what you submitted to the funder. You will need it to answer any questions from the funder and, if you get the grant, to ensure you do what you promised. It can also give you a head start on the next grant you write.

## 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.

1. Write the application and follow the required steps to complete the application. Do NOT submit it to the funder.
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.
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 completed application and the signed Campus Grant Submission Form to [lcuster@yisd.net](mailto:lcuster@yisd.net) in the Office of Competitive Grants (OCG).
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.
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.*

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