

# OFFICE OF COMPETITIVE GRANTS NEWSLETTER



**MARCH 2023**

## Grant Deadlines

### March 2023

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### April 2023

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## Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grant

**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

**Application for 2023 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/>

## El Paso Community Foundation The Classroom Fund

The Classroom Fund is a project of the El Paso Community Foundation created to support area teachers. The Classroom Fund will provide requested classroom materials directly to teachers. In order to request classroom materials, an educator must meet the following eligibility requirements.

- Be a PreK-12th grade full time educator. This includes teachers, librarians, guidance counselors, school nurses and teachers who also coach.
- Spend 75% of time working directly with students.
- Commit to posting requests for materials that students will directly use/experience.
- Request materials with a total cost of \$1,000 or less.
- Commit to reporting on the use of materials through either pictures, video or written letter.

**Application Deadline: March 26, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.**

For step by step instructions visit the Office of Competitive Grants webpage:

[The Classroom Fund](#)

For more information and to apply, go to: <https://www.theclassroomfund.org>

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## American Chemical Society-Hach High School Chemistry Classroom Grant

Since 2008, over 700 high school chemistry teachers have received an ACS-Hach High School Chemistry Classroom Grant to support ideas that enhance classroom learning, foster student development, and reveal the wonders of chemistry.

Funds may be used for :

- Laboratory equipment and supplies
- Instructional materials
- Professional development
- Student-conducted field studies

**Maximum grant amount:** \$1,500  
**Eligibility:** High school chemistry teacher  
**Applications are for:** 2023-2024 school year  
**Deadline:** June 1, 2023

For information and to apply, go to:

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding/grants/acs-hach-high-school-chemistry-classroom-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.

Application Deadline	Award	Funds
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

For more information and to apply, go to:

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

## 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 for Writing a Foundation Grant

### Use a Positive and Structured Form

You can spend time writing a grant proposal, but it will be time wasted if the reviewer can't understand it. Simplify your writing using these tips:

- Be as specific and clear as possible. Vague words and empty phrases (e.g., nearly, almost, roughly) can make you sound uninformed.
- Use words that you would use on a daily basis, there is no need for a thesaurus. Good word selection, good grammar, and correct punctuation will make your point without distracting the reviewer.
- Use common words, short sentences, and short paragraphs to help readers follow along and to stay engaged.
- Use heading and subheadings to control the flow of the application and to let readers know that you are shifting topics. This will help them follow your thought processes.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.yisd.net) under the Office of Competitive Grants.*

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