

# OFFICE OF COMPETITIVE GRANTS NEWSLETTER



**MAY 2023**

## Grant Deadlines

*June 2023*

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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 Award:** \$1,500  
**Eligibility:** High school chemistry teacher  
**Application 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>

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## 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:** June 1, 2023  
**Award Announcement:** July 15, 2023  
**Funds Sent by:** August 15, 2023

For more information and to apply, go to:

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

## Freeport-McMoRan Mini-Grants for Education

Mini-Grants for Education are designed to support K-12 teachers and schools in Freeport-McMoRan communities.

Grants in the range of \$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>

## 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

### Simplify

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:

- Don't use vague words and empty phrases - Ex: nearly, almost, about, or roughly.
- Don't use jargon, technical language, acronyms, or clichés.
- Don't use words you wouldn't normally use on a daily basis.
- Use common words, short sentences, and short paragraphs to help readers follow along and to stay engaged.
- Use charts and graphs to explain your points - this gives the reader a break in reading text.
- Use headings and subheadings to control the flow of the application.

## 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. Newsletter layout—Luz E. Custer*