

OFFICE OF COMPETITIVE GRANTS NEWSLETTER



Grant Deadlines

November 2023

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KidsGardening 2024 Youth Garden Grant

The KidsGardening mission is to create opportunities for kids to play, learn, and grow through gardening, engaging their natural curiosity and wonder. The Youth Garden Grant supports school and youth educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life for youth and their communities.

Eligibility requires an organization that is planning a new or improving an existing garden program that serves at least 15 youth.

Grantees will receive:

- Funding in the amount of \$500 for the purchase of garden supplies, and
- Collection of gardening supplies.

An additional 10 grantees will also receive a specialty garden package.

Application Opens: November 6, 2023
Application Deadline: December 15, 2023
Award Announced: January 19, 2024

For more information and to apply, go to:

<https://kidsgardening.org/grant-opportunities/>

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.

Grant amounts typically range from \$2,500 to \$10,000.

Application Opens: November 2023
Application Deadline: February 2024
Awards Announced: May 2024

For information and to apply, go to:

<http://snapdragonbookfoundation.org/application/>

Laura Bush Foundation For America's Libraries

The mission of the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries is to support the education of our nation's children by providing books and reading material to the school libraries and students that need them. The foundation provides funds to update, extend and diversify the book and print collections of America's school libraries that receive them.

The grant funds may be used only for school library books, eBooks, and magazine requests as outlined in the application. Limit of one application per school library per year. Previously awarded librarians may apply.

Application Deadline: November 27, 2023
Awards Announced: mid-late Spring 2024

Important Points for Ysleta ISD Applicants

As the submission deadline is the first day back after the Thanksgiving Break, grant applications must be routed and receive district approval before the district closes for the week.

- Application and the signed [Campus Grant Submission Form](#) should be received by the district's Office of Competitive Grants (OCG) for district routing by Tuesday, November 14, 2023.
- District documents are required in this application packet. The routing process will ensure you have the required documentation.

For more information and to apply, go to: <https://www.bushcenter.org/lbf-application-details>

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

Application Deadline	Award Announcement	Funds Sent By
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 provided to Ysleta ISD's Office of Competitive Grants for district approval prior to submittal to the funder.

American Chemical Society Hach Professional Development Grant

This funding is to support high school chemistry teachers as they identify and pursue opportunities that advance their professional development and enhance the teaching and learning of chemistry in their classrooms. Grant funds may be used for:

- Conference or workshop registration fees
- Travel expenses
- Books and online instructional resources

Grant amount is up to \$2,500.

Application Deadline: January 21, 2024
Awards Announced: March 21, 2024

If awarded, professional development activities must be completed by September 30, 2024.

For more information and to apply, go to:

[ACS-Hach Professional Development Grant - American Chemical Society](#)

Texas Retired Teachers Foundation Classroom Assistance Grants

Classroom Assistance Grants are awarded to Texas public school teachers who, on a daily basis, demonstrate commitment to public education and Texas children through the creation of programs, events, or other learning platforms. The Texas Retired Teachers Foundation will award \$1,000 grants to 30 public school teachers in Texas for the 2024-2025 school year. The funding should be used to go beyond the basic curriculum, bring creativity into the classroom, and support a learning objective(s).

Application Deadline: January 26, 2024
Awards Announced: March 28, 2024

For more information and to apply, go to:

<https://www.trtf.org/TRTF/Initiatives/ClassroomAssistance>

Texas Retired Teachers Foundation First-Year Teacher Scholarships

First-Year Teacher Scholarships are awarded to first-year public school educators to assist the recipient in purchasing materials for his or her classroom. The Texas Retired Teachers Foundation will award \$1,000 grants to 35 public school teachers in Texas for the 2024-2025 school year.

Application Deadline: January 26, 2024
Awards Announced: March 28, 2024

For more information and to apply, go to:

<https://www.trtf.org/TRTF/Initiatives/FirstYear.aspx?hkey=8ae049c3-6165-424c-b021-3500a2ce9173>

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