

OFFICE OF COMPETITIVE GRANTS NEWSLETTER



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Grant Deadlines

October 2023

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Klorane Botanical Foundation Budding Botanist Grants

The Klorane Botanical Foundation is committed to supporting programs that teach respect for the environment and protect nature through the preservation of plant species and biodiversity. The Budding Botanist Grant will help students learn about plants, explore their world, and inspire them to take care of the life they discover in their local ecosystems.

Grant Amount: \$500
Application Deadline: October 20, 2023
Awards Announced: December 1, 2023

For more information and to apply, go to:

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

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.

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Society for Science STEM Research Grants

STEM Research Grants provide support to full-time middle school and high school teachers who are engaging students in authentic scientific research projects beyond what might normally be done in a classroom, including science fair projects and similar competitions. Priority consideration is given to schools that support students from low-income communities and demographics underrepresented in STEM fields.

Grant opportunities:

- Up to \$5,000 to purchase specialized equipment needed for student research; OR
- Preselected equipment valued at \$1,000, described in the FAQs at:
<https://www.societyforscience.org/outreach-and-equity/stem-research-grants/about/#what-equipment-is-in-the-kit-for-2023-2024>

Applicants may apply for one or both of these. If awarded, it will only be for one or the other, not both. If you have previously received a Society for Science STEM Research Grant, you are eligible to apply again.

Application Deadline: **October 10, 2023**
Award Announced: **November 2023**

For more information and to apply, go to:

<https://www.societyforscience.org/outreach-and-equity/stem-research-grants/>

Oliver Foundation Healthy Choices Grants

The goal of the Oliver Foundation is to encourage children, families, and communities in Texas to improve the eating and physical activity patterns of Pre-school, Elementary, Middle, and High School students. Proposed programs may be provided by campus, grade level, teacher, or in the summer.

Healthy Choices Grant Level 1 is for a single school year or a summer program and ranges from \$750 to \$3,000. Level 1 requires incorporation of at least three of seven Healthy Messages, including at least one physical and one nutritional activity.

Healthy Choices Grant Level 2 is for two or more years and is intended to create a long-term sustainable program at the campus level. Level 2 grants range from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Level 2 requires incorporation of at least five of seven Healthy Messages, including at least one physical and one nutritional activity.

Healthy Messages:

- C Choose 5-A-Day servings of fruits & vegetables!
- H Have more water & less sugary beverages!
- O Opt for healthy snacks!
- I Increase active play & decrease screen time!
- C Choose 3-A-Day servings of low-fat dairy products!
- E Enjoy a healthy breakfast!
- S Serve a smart portion size!

Application Deadline: **October 15, 2023**

For more information and to apply, go to: https://www.oliverfoundation.com/pro_Grants.html

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>

Helpful Tips for Writing a Foundation Grant

- Read the grant instructions and application to ensure what you need aligns with the funder.
- Write your proposal with sufficient details to explain your project.
 - Discuss the need(s) your project will address, this may include a little bit of data
 - Describe your proposed solution to the need(s)
 - Use a little background and context to help the reader understand your project
 - Say what you need to say without being too wordy or flowery
 - Align the needs, the proposed project, and the planned budget

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 funding source.
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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