

OFFICE OF COMPETITIVE GRANTS NEWSLETTER



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Grant Deadlines This Month

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The 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, they hope 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 2022
Application Closes: February 2023
Awards Announced: May 2023

For information and to apply, go to:

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

Klorane Botanical Foundation: Budding Botanist

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.

Twenty high-need schools across the United States will be awarded \$1,000 in grant funding to support their youth garden programs. Funded projects must be completed during the 2022-2023 school year.

Application Deadline: October 14, 2022
Awards Announced: November 10, 2022

For more information and to apply, go to:

<https://kidsgardening.org/grant-opportunities/budding-botanist-23/>

Texas Retired Teachers Foundation: Classroom Assistance Grant

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 (TRTF) will award \$750 grants to 30 public school teachers in Texas for the 2023-2024 school year.

Application Opens: September 16, 2022
Application Deadline: January 27, 2023 by 5:00 pm CT
Award Announced: March 31, 2023

For more information and to apply, go to:

<https://trta.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2023-2024-Classroom-Assistance-Grant-Application.pdf>

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 \$5,000 or less.**
- **Only online applications are accepted.**

Application Deadline for \$5,000 or less	Award Announcement	Funds Sent By
12/1/2022	1/15/2023	2/15/2023

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.

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 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.

Helpful Tips on Writing a Foundation Grant

- Read the grant instructions and make sure what you need is what the funder wants to support
- Write your proposal with sufficient detail to explain your project, this is the first time the funder will learn about it
 - Discuss the need(s) your project will address, this may include a little bit of data
 - Tell your story, tug at the funder's heartstrings and help them to care about your project
 - Align the needs, the proposed project, and the planned budget
 - Say what you need to say without being too wordy or flowery

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If you need assistance with your application, please contact the Office of Competitive Grants early in the process.