

OFFICE OF COMPETITIVE GRANTS NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2023

Grant Deadlines

September 2023

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

October 2023

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Freeport-McMoRan Mini-Grants for Education

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

Grants ranging from \$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 Deadline: September 15
Awards Announced: November 1

For information and to apply, go to:

<https://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/schools/mini-grants>

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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.

Application Opens: September 11
Application Deadline: October 20
Awards Announced: December 1

Anticipated Grant Amount: \$500

For more information and to apply, go to:

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

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!

Grant Application Deadline is October 15.

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

Toshiba America Foundation Grants for Grades K-5

Do you have an innovative idea for improving STEM (i.e., science, technology, engineering, math) 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 \$1,000
- Unallowable: computers, laptops, or tablets

Application Deadline	Award Announcement	Funds Sent By
10/1/2023	11/15/2023	12/15/2023

For more information and to apply, go to:
<https://www.toshiba.com/taf/k5.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.

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.

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