

OFFICE OF COMPETITIVE GRANTS NEWSLETTER



Ysleta Independent School District
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Grant Deadlines This Month

September 2022

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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.

Grants in the range of \$100 to \$500 will be awarded to support projects in the following eligible 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 (4) mini-grants during each application period. Each applicant/teacher/classroom may receive one mini-grant per school year.

Application Closes: September 9, 2022

Awards Announced: November 1, 2022

For information and to apply go to:

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

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/>

Toshiba America Foundation Grant: Grades K-5

Toshiba America Foundation provides teachers in Kindergarten through grade 5 with additional funds to support classroom projects.

- **Any K-grade 5 teacher in a public school is eligible to apply for a grant to support STEM education.**
- **Computers, laptops, or tablets are not allowable costs.**
- **Grants are for up to \$1,000.**
- **Only online applications are accepted.**

Application Deadline for \$1,000 or less	Award Announcement	Funds Sent By
10/1/2022	11/15/2022	12/15/2022

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

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 grants 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

Use a Positive and Structured Form

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:

- Be as specific and clear as possible. Vague words and empty phrases (e.g., nearly, almost, roughly) can make you sound uninformed.
- Use words that you would use on a daily basis, there is no need for a thesaurus. Good word selection, good grammar, and correct punctuation will make your point without distracting the reviewer.

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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 link.

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