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Technology Funding Alert!



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Making the Case for 21st Century Skills

As California school districts face budget cuts, grant writing becomes even more critical to support the development of 21st century learning environments. In approaching funders, it's helpful to have research and resources to quote in grant applications. Listed below are some recent reports we recommend to you as you move ahead with grant seeking.

SETDA: *Class of 2020 Action Plan for Education*

<<http://www.setda.org/web/guest/2020>>

The State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA) has released a series of reports focused on the use of technology, with the final report being its *Class of 2020 Action Plan for Education*. The action plan describes technology's transformative role in education, and the accompanying reports focus on research and models of success.

Partnership for 21st Century Skills:

21st Century Skills Map, Teaching English

<<http://www.21stcenturyskills.org>>

Working in collaboration with the National Council of Teachers of English, the Partnership developed a framework to illustrate the intersection between 21st century skills and English. It includes concrete examples of how 21st century skills can be integrated into teaching English.

MacArthur Foundation *Report on Digital Youth*

<<http://digitalyouth.ischool.berkeley.edu/>>

A report titled, "Living and Learning with New Media," focuses on how today's youth use technology. With funding from the MacArthur Foundation, university researchers conducted interviews and made online observations during a three-year period. The report discusses findings and the implications for today's schools.

GRANTS

Improving Literacy Through School Libraries

Sponsored by the USDE, the purpose of this program is to improve student reading skills and academic achievement by providing students with increased access to up-to-date school library materials; well-equipped, technologically advanced school library media centers; and well-trained, professionally certified school library media specialists.

Contact—Irene Harwarth, 202-401-3751, irene.harwarth@ed.gov

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/SchoolLibraries>

Deadline—March 6, 2009

Eligibility—Schools, school districts, charter schools that are considered LEAs, in which at least 20% of the students served by the LEA, are from families with incomes below the poverty line (see Website for poverty data)

Awards—80 awards, ranging: \$30,000-\$500,000 each

Teaching American History

Sponsored by the USDE, this grant program supports projects that aim to raise student achievement by improving teachers' knowl-

edge, understanding, and appreciation of traditional American history through cohesive models of professional development.

Contact—TeachingAmericanHistory@ed.gov, Alex Stein, 202-205-9085

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/TeachingHistory>

Deadline—March 9, 2009

Eligibility—School districts, and county offices of education in partnership with higher education, nonprofit history or humanities organizations, libraries or museums

Awards—52 grants of up to \$2M each

The Doug Prouty Classroom Grant Program

Sponsored by EBCUE, this local grant program is designed to fund K-12 curriculum-based technology projects in the classroom. *Replaces Technology in the Classroom Grant Program*. Online application required.

Contact—Kris Heydon, kheydon@yahoo.com or Anna Massi, amassi@ctkschool.org

Website—<http://www.cuehub.org>

Deadline—March 13, 2009 (Opens 1/31/09)

Eligibility—Public, parochial or independent K-12 classroom teachers who are members of EBCUE (see Website for additional eligibility criteria)

Awards—Up to \$1,500 each

Distance Learning & Telemedicine Program

Sponsored by the USDA, this program is designed to meet the educational and health care needs of rural America through the use of advanced telecommunications technologies: primarily user equipment that functions via telecommunications systems for the purposes of connecting students and teachers or medical professionals and patients at separate sites. Grants may be used to purchase video-conferencing equipment, instructional programming and technical assistance, and instruction for using eligible equipment.

Contact—dltinfo@wdc.usda.gov, 202-720-0413

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/DistanceLearning>

Deadline—March 24, 2009

Eligibility—Rural school districts with populations of 20,000 or less

Awards—Up to 100 grants ranging: \$50,000-\$500,000 each, with a 15% match requirement

2009 HP Innovations in Education—Secondary School Districts

This grant program is designed to help integrate technology into the classroom through innovative pilot initiatives. Through the program, math and science teachers share ideas and best practices in areas such as online learning, virtual worlds and simulations. Examples of previously funded projects are available. *Replaces the K-12 HP Technology for Teaching program*.

Contact—hpiie@iste.org

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/HPInnovations>

Deadline—March 30, 2009

Eligibility—Public or private secondary school districts serving middle and high school students

Awards—25 grants consisting of HP products, professional development and \$9,000 cash (total value at \$270,000 each)

Digital Wish

This site works to connect donors with educators in need of technology products. After setting up a detailed lesson plan, teachers add wish-list items, such as digital cameras, overhead projectors, and interactive whiteboards to their accounts. Then, corporate and individual donors choose projects they want to support. Once a wish is granted, Digital Wish verifies the wish by contacting the school administration. Each donated item is shipped directly to the school as soon as a payment is processed. In addition to acting as an online charity, the site offers educators ideas on independent fundraising campaigns and grant-writing efforts. To learn more, go to <<http://tinyurl.com/DigitalWish>>.

Genentech Foundation

The Foundation funds science education programs.

Contact—foundation@gene.com

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/Genentech>

Deadline—April 3, 2009

Eligibility—K-12 school districts in San Francisco, South San Francisco, San Mateo County and Vacaville

Awards—Amounts awarded depend upon the specific project, but generally awards begin at \$25,000.

County Technology Academy Grant Professional Development Grant Program

Sponsored by the Contra Costa COE and the Leshner Foundation, this grant is designed to support school projects that focus on providing professional development to teachers learning to integrate technology in the curriculum.

Contact—Amy Geotina, 925-942-3441, ageotina@cccocoe.k12.ca.us or Theresa Gabor, 925-296-1433, tgabor@cccocoe.k12.ca.us

Website—<http://www.cocoschools.org/ctag/>

Deadline—April 17, 2009 (Opens 2/6/09)

Eligibility—K-12 public school teacher teams serving Contra Costa County

Awards—Team grants of \$8,000 each with a \$2,000 match requirement

Anheuser-Busch

Anheuser-Busch and its charitable foundation places education as one of its primary focus areas. Contributions are primarily limited to organizations located in communities where the company and its subsidiaries operate major facilities and where its employees and their families live and work.

Contact—Contributions manager at the local facility or send an email to:

Laura.Reeves@anheuser-busch.com

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/AnheuserBusch>

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—Schools, districts and nonprofit agencies serving Fairfield, CA and the surrounding area

Awards—In 2007, contributions ranged: \$100-\$1M+

RGK Foundation

The Foundation's primary interests within Education include programs that focus on formal K-12 education (particularly mathematics, science and reading), teacher development, literacy, and higher education. All applicants must complete an electronic Letter of Inquiry from the Web site as the first step.

Contact—Use the "Contact Us" link on the Website.

Website—<http://www.rgkfoundation.org/>

Deadline—Ongoing

Eligibility—Schools, school districts, county offices of education, nonprofits

Awards—The average grant is \$25,000.

AWARDS/COMPETITIONS/CONTESTS

Intel Schools of Distinction Awards

This program is designed to honor K-12 schools that have demonstrated excellence in math and science education.

Contact—<http://tinyurl.com/IntelContacts>

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/IntelSchools>

Deadline—February 17, 2009

Eligibility—Public K-12 schools

Awards—Eighteen "Finalists" schools (3 elementary, 3 middle and 3 high schools) in two categories (math and science) will each receive \$2,500 cash grants. Six "Winners" schools (same grade levels and categories) will each receive \$10,000 cash grants and \$100,000+ in products and services from sponsors. One of the six winning schools will be chosen as the Star Innovator and will receive an additional \$15,000 cash grant as well as products and services.

Inspired Visual Learning Awards

This program is designed to support innovative uses of visual learning in the classroom. To win an award, educators must submit student-created examples using Inspiration Software's visual learning software tools: Inspiration, Kidspiration and InspireData.

Contact—CustomerService@inspiration.com, 800-877-4292

Website—<http://cf.inspiration.com/vlwards/>

Deadline—February 27, 2009

Eligibility—Educators in K-12 schools

Awards—Totaling more than \$22,000, winners will receive technology and funds for professional development and/or new technology purchases that support visual learning in their classrooms (see Website for details).

Listen to a Life Essay Contest

This annual contest provides an opportunity to build closer connections between generations. Sponsored by the Legacy Project, the contest is a team effort—a young person 8-18 years interviews a grandparent or grandfriend 50 years or older about their life and writes a 300-word essay.

Contact—800-772-7765, tcp@tcpnow.com

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/LegacyProject>

Deadline—March 30, 2009

Eligibility—Intergenerational teams consisting

Win a Wireless Lab Sweepstakes

Enter this sweepstakes to win one of five grand prize packages, including a 21st century classroom (interactive whiteboard, notebook computers, wireless cart, projector, printer and document camera valued at over \$41,000) and a \$5,000 digital media grant from Discovery Education. Over 25 additional technology prizes will also be awarded. The contest is open only to K-12 public school students. Schools can win only one prize. All entries are made on behalf of the entrant's school.

Random drawings will be conducted monthly through May 1, 2009. To enter, go to <http://tinyurl.com/WirelessLab>.

of one young person 8-18 years old and one older person 50 years or over.

Awards—Grand prize is a Lenovo ThinkCentre computer with \$800 of Orchard Software and an iPod Classic with video from Orchard Software, plus \$25,000 of Orchard Software for the school. Twenty runner-up prizes of \$400 of Orchard Software and an iPod Shuffle from Orchard Software.

History Uncovered Research Competition

This competition is a unique opportunity for teams of secondary school students, their social studies teachers, and school library-media specialists to participate in a meaningful competitive endeavor that emphasizes research skills along with historical and critical thinking. Student teams can submit entries in a variety of electronic formats, including a slide show, an essay, a video or animation, or an audio podcast.

Contact—customerservice@abc-clio.com, 800-368-6868

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/HistoryUncovered>

Deadline—March 30, 2009

Eligibility—Teams of students and teachers from public and private middle schools and high schools

Awards—See Website for a listing of cash and technology prizes in two categories: middle school and high school.

2009 ING Unsung Heroes Awards

This award program is designed to support K-12 educators utilizing new teaching methods and techniques that improve learning.

Contact—ing@scholarshipamerica.org, 800-537-4180

Website—<http://tinyurl.com/UnsungHeroes>

Deadline—April 30, 2009

Eligibility—Public and private K-12 education professionals, including educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals or classified staff with effective projects that improve student learning

Awards—100 awards of \$2,000 each; three of those are chosen to receive top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000.

2009 California Student Media Festival

The Festival celebrates learning with video and multimedia projects created by students and their teacher/coach. The Festival is not intended just for the high-end, expert technology users, however. It is designed to honor the efforts of students (or teachers) of all levels of experience who are creating video or multimedia programs in the classroom. Teachers of all winning entries will receive a plaque, a subscription to Discovery Education Streaming, and a one-year membership to Computer-Using Educators (CUE). Teachers of overall winners will also be given a cash prize and one complimentary registration to the Annual CUE Conference.

Submission date is April 7, 2009. To learn more, go to: <http://www.mediafestival.org>.